



### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be developing the children's independence through various activities and encouraging resilience and self-regulation.

Regular circle times will continue where the children will be encouraged to listen and interact with their friends.

### Physical Development

Children will continue to develop both their fine and gross motor skills using the inside and outside learning environments.

In PE each week, we will be practising the skills we need ready to take part in Sports Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (information to follow.)

### Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills through our provision and class discussions. We will encourage the children to share their thoughts, ideas and opinions in full sentences.

### Understanding of the World

During our project learning this half term children will be learning all about farming. We will be finding out about what happens on farms, what farmers have to do every day and hopefully meeting some farm animals too. (Letter to follow.)

### Expressive Arts & Design

Children will continue to have the opportunity to use their imaginations, sing songs, dance and create beautiful masterpieces.

# Foundation Stage 2

## Newsletter

### Summer 1 Key Words

farms animals farmer

crops growing

tractors trailers trucks

horseboxes barns field combine

harvester

farmyard grain

plough wheat barley

### Literacy

This half term we will continue to learn new sounds, and practise our blending skills and letter formation in order to read and write simple words during phonics. In our story telling session we will be reading

A squash and a squeeze by Julia Donaldson. We will learn to retell the stories in our own words and take part in activities based on the stories.

### Maths

This half term we will be learning about pattern, height and subtraction. We will be doing lots of practical activities in order to help us understand these concepts.



### Summer 1 home learning Ideas

1. Can you have a go at doing some gardening? Maybe plant some seeds and watch them grow?
2. Go on a walk, what do you notice? Can you spot any signs of spring?
3. Become a wildlife detective! What mini beasts can you spot in your garden?
4. Can you make a springtime picture using natural materials?

### A Note to Families

Please ensure your child has a suitable waterproof coat in school each day as we do aim to go outside in all weathers. Please could you ensure your child also brings in a pair of named wellies or they will not be able to use the grass section of the outdoor area. If your child struggles to put their own coat on and fasten it please could you practise at home as well as practising putting on their own shoes/wellies.

PE will take place on Monday for Class 2 & Tuesday for Class 1. Please ensure your child has the correct Kit for these days.

If you have any queries or questions at all, please feel free to let us know at drop off or pick up and we can arrange a time to discuss this. Working together we can provide your children with the best possible learning opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support,  
The Foundation Stage 2 Team.