



Friday 15th May

We've had so much fun learning about our new topic and what an amazing way to end our week with our first full-day school trip to Attwell farm! We will be continuing our exploration of farms next week and will be using our experiences of Attwell farm with our work in classes.



Phonics

This week, in phonics, we have focused on decoding and blending longer words with 5 sounds. We have particularly focused on more challenging blends such as in the word 'string' where 't' and 'r' together can sound like a 'ch' sound. We have also learned some more tricky words: **were**, **here**, **little** and **says**.

Reading

A reminder that, as children progress through the colour-banded reading books, they may encounter a wider range of tricky words and longer sentences. This is all part of the reading journey so please don't fear if children find the next steps more challenging!

Maths—This week we have explored linking part-part whole models with more formal ways to record number sentences. Part-part wholes are a great visual to help children understand the concept of adding numbers together and the totals they create. Whilst formal maths recording isn't a requirement of the EYFS stage, we believe it is an important skill to begin developing in preparation for Year 1.

Balance-ability sessions

For the last few years, all children in Reception have had access to an eight-week course in bike riding with a cycling proficiency instructor. We are thrilled to be able to offer this experience again for this year and the first sessions will begin next week. These sessions will run alongside our P.E. and Forest School sessions which will remain unchanged for now. Each class will have a cycling day where they will have their sessions in small groups spread throughout the day. **All bikes and protective equipment are provided for the children - all we need from you is to send your child to school on their cycling day in P.E. kit and if your child has long hair to please style it in a way that makes wearing a bike helmet easy and comfortable.**

Goslings' cycling day will be Thursdays and Cygnets' cycling day will be Fridays.

Please explore the grid below to help navigate what your children will need for each day depending on their class.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cygnets Gymnastics PE Kits	Cygnets Forest School Forest School clothes	Cygnets normal uniform	Cygnets normal uniform	Cygnets Cycling PE Kits
Goslings Gymnastic PE Kits	Goslings normal uniform	Goslings normal uniform	Goslings Cycling PE Kits	Goslings Forest School Forest school clothes.

Coats

Please continue to send children into school every day with coats. We have had lots of changeable weather recently and children have been without coats. We also always have our water area available to the children during choosing time and children must have something waterproof if they are to use the area.

Sports Day

We will be running our **Reception Sports Day on Thursday 18th June**. If you are able to attend, please aim to arrive at the main school office area for 2:00. A member of staff will take you down to our school field where the events will take place. We will aim for a **starting time of 2:15** with all events finishing in time for the end of the day and normal pickup. We will need to take the children back to classes first to gather items for a normal end of day handover on our outdoor classroom. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!