



Friday 22nd May



The children have really enjoyed our farms topic. We have planted our sunflowers in our outdoor garden and discussed all of the things plants need to thrive. We will continue to observe our plants as they grow over the coming months. After half-term we will be moving on to our final topic 'Traditional tales'. We will explore a new tale each week as we develop our stamina for recalling, performing and writing longer stories ready for year 1. Our first traditional tale will be the 3 little pigs.

Phonics

This week in phonics we have been exploring words with common suffixes such as -ing and -ed. The children have been busy learning more tricky words and their recall is really improving. Tricky words will form a greater part of the children's reading as they progress through to more challenging books. When discussing a tricky word at home, you can discuss 'which part of the word is tricky' for example in tricky word 'he' the 'h' makes it's normal sound but the 'e' is tricking us by making the 'ee' sound

Maths This week we have been exploring subtraction and learning how to formally record subtraction number sentences. When we come back from our half-term break - we will revisit some of the more challenging areas of maths in EYFS such as grouping and sharing and numbers bigger than 20.

P.E., Forest School and Balanceability!

The children are going to more opportunities than ever to get active at school for our final halfterm!

Goslings:

Tuesdays - P.E.
(P.E. kits)

Thursdays - Balanceability
(P.E. kits)

Fridays - Forest School
(waterproofs)

Cygnets:

Tuesdays - Forest School
(waterproofs)

Thursdays - P.E.
(P.E. kits)

Fridays - Balanceability
(P.E. kits)

As the weather gets warmer and drier, we will make a judgement as to whether waterproofs are needed for each Forest School session. Please continue to send them in each week just in case!

Children will need long sleeves and trousers still for forest school!

Sports Day

A reminder that our Sports Days is 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.

Monday 1st June

A reminder that Monday 1st June is a TED day. We look forward to seeing the children back at school when they return on Tuesday 2nd June. This will be P.E. for Goslings and Forest School for Cygnets.

Pantosaurus

We have spent some time this week in the classes talking to and reminding the children about being respectful with each other and how private areas need to remain private. The NSPCC has some really age-appropriate resources that we have used to guide these more sensitive conversations while in school. If you would like to explore the resources to continue conversations of your own at home then please follow this link for more information:

[Talk PANTS: Conversation to help keep children safe | NSPCC](#)

What are the PANTS rules?

Talking to children about their body



Privates are private



Always remember your body belongs to you



No means no



Talk about secrets that upset you



Speak up, someone can help

