

# Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During our daily circles, we will listen to each other's thoughts and ideas. We will also talk about our feelings and how they can affect others.

The school's Jigsaw theme is Dreams and Goals. We will focus on how to persevere through challenges, how to set ourselves goals and seek help where we need it.

After listening to the story of 'The Little Red Hen' we will think about how to be a good friend.

## Communication, Language and Literacy

The Spring Term focus in Foundation Stage is on traditional tales. These are stories that have been passed through the generations of a culture. We will be sharing and enjoying a range of traditional tales from all around the world. We would like to hear any traditional tales that are popular from everyone's country this Spring Term.

During our daily interactions, we will develop our communication skills.

Through our Read Write Inc. sessions, we will develop our phonic knowledge to read individual letters & blend sounds into words. We will also be given lots of opportunities to write.

We will start to make up our own stories and listen to lots of stories to develop our love of books. We will enjoy learning lots of new vocabulary.

## Understanding the World

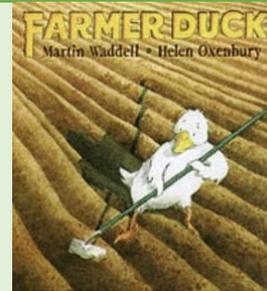
We will be learning about Hinduism and a non-religious world view to think about celebrations and how people celebrate. We will be celebrating our very own Chinese New Year, trying some traditional Chinese food and making a gigantic Chinese Dragon!

We will be investigating solids and liquids, working out how to tell the difference and how we might describe the materials that we investigate. There will be some exciting exploration as we melt our own chocolate to observe the changes and then decorate our biscuits for Valentine's Day. We will also be looking at the history of Valentine's Day and thinking about the people we love, with a focus on our generational history and the people that we have in our families.

## Mathematics

In the Spring term we will be introducing zero and focussing on the composition of 4,5,6,7 and 8, learning how to compare these numbers and combine two amounts. We will learn how to make pairs and we will be doing lots of exploring of mass and capacity.

## Our key texts for learning will be 'The Little Red Hen' and 'Farmer Duck'



## Expressive Arts and Design

To kick start our Spring Term arts we will be learning about the artist, Vincent Van Gogh and looking in detail at his 'Sunflowers' artwork. We will begin practising our colour mixing and observational painting while our sunflowers grow, and we can develop our skills further next half term.

We will be sharing songs from different eras and across different genres this half term and our story 'The Little Red Hen' will inspire us to try new joining techniques to make a hen with moving wings.

## Physical Development

This half term we will continue to develop our awareness of others through games. We will focus on controlling our speed, agility and travel, getting ready for invasion games in year 1. During our P.E. sessions we will continue to practice getting dressed independently. We will also develop our gross and fine motor skills through lots of activities and funky fingers.