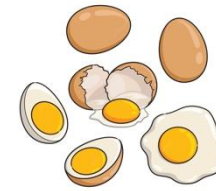


The Circle of Life



Our Learning Journey:

This half term our topic is 'The Circle of Life'. We will be exploring life cycles of plants, minibeasts, animals and humans. We will build an awareness of where our food comes from and how it arrives on our plate, exploring the role of a farmer in society and how farming has changed over time. We will also explore how to keep ourselves healthy, including learning what a balanced diet looks like and designing and making some of our own healthy snacks. The books we will be focussing our learning around will be: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Little Red Hen and Handa's Surprise.

Reading

Please continue to read with your child every day.

So you are aware, to increase children's fluency with their reading, we may be sending books home again that they have read before. By allowing them opportunities to repeatedly revisit books, they can develop a greater familiarity with words, improve their reading, speech and comprehension. These are skills that make confident and capable readers.



Please can the children bring in a photo of themselves as a baby to display in our classroom by Monday 15th June so that we can explore how we have grown and changed.



Forest School

will be every Tuesday afternoon from Week 1-6. Children should wear own clothes to school. T-shirts should have long sleeves and trousers and the children should have waterproofs, wellies, sun hat and sun cream in school to use.

Things to Remember:

African Dance Workshop - 23rd June
Sports Day – 24th June
Wrestling Day - 8th July
Moving Up Afternoon – 9th July
Tractor visit - TBC
Lion Class Farm Shop – 17th July 2:30-3:00



PE will be on Thursday morning. Please remember to have PE kits in school on this day.

Lion Class Farm Shop

At the end of the term, we will be running a class farm shop and all parents and family members are invited to come along and buy items from our stalls. There will be more information to follow, closer to the time.

Learning Journey Home Activities

Circle of Life Fun At Home

Here is a list of [activities that you might like to try](#) at home linked to our learning journey topic. Have fun!

Take a walk around a garden, park or outside area. Can you find any butterflies or caterpillars? Try looking around some plants and flowers or under leaves. You could draw a picture or take a photo of what you find.	The Very Hungry Caterpillar eats different foods each day. Can you remember the seven days of the week? Write a sentence about something you do each day.	What is your favourite food? Do some research on the internet or at the library to find out how your favourite food reaches your plate.	Butterflies have symmetrical wings – this means that they are the same on both sides. Make your own symmetrical shapes by folding a piece of paper in half and cutting out some pieces.	Talk to a grown up at home about how to stay safe in the sun. Perhaps you could make a poster to help others learn too.
What can you make using your favourite fruit? Can you make a fruit salad? A cake? Fruit kebabs? Take a photo to show us.	Draw or paint a picture of some flowers in your garden or at the park. Can you remember the different parts of the flower? Try using words like ‘stem’, ‘leaves’ and ‘petals’ to describe it.	Try growing some plants or flowers at home. Remember to give your seeds some water and put them somewhere sunny. (Cress seeds grow nice and quickly)	Learn your number bonds to 5 and number bonds to 10 and then get your family to test you. Perhaps you could play a game of splat to find the answer.	Try making a model flower. You could use modelling dough, paper, card, construction toys, pots or tubs. We’d love to see any models you make!
Go on a supermarket trip with a family member. See if you can spot where some of your favourite foods come from. Ask your adult to show you where this is on a map.	Hold a competition with a friend or someone who lives in your house. Who can find 5 circle objects, 4 rectangle objects, 3 square objects and 2 triangles. Take a picture of what you find.	Read some stories based around food, such as “The Enormous Turnip” and “The Gingerbread Man”. Have you tried the food that each of these stories is based around or tried making them yourself?	Help a grown-up as they make your favourite meal. Listen carefully to the instructions. Write down the ingredients and instructions so that you can make it next time.	Cut up potato, carrot, celery, lettuce and broccoli. Dip the vegetables into paint and make prints and patterns.