Rotherfield Primary School — Year R — Term 4

Maths

The children will be continuing to cement a deep knowledge of numbers to 10, including comparing, subitising and composition. We will focus especially on 9 and 10 this term, including finding doubles, pairs, one more and one less and odds and evens. Towards the end of the term, we will learn about 3D shapes.

PSED

This term the children will be thinking about how to show sensitivity to the needs of others. They will also be continuing to develop their relationships and their social and play skills, by working cooperatively, taking turns and listening to each other. We will also be focusing on appreciation in our My Happy Mind sessions, looking at gratitude for others, gratitude for experiences and gratitude for ourselves.

Past and Present

This term we will look at farming through the years and comparing the big machines we use now to tools used in the past. We will explore what farms look like today, how they work and the machines, animals and jobs that can be found there.

Peake Class Trip

Blackberry Farm, 23rd March 2025. See letter for details.

Physical Development

Through activities such as den building and dinosaur dance, the children will work on body strength, coordination, balance and agility. They will continue to develop the foundations of handwriting, and will practise using tools such as pencils, scissors and cutlery. We will continue to build our gross motor skills, following the BEAM programme in PE.

Peake Class

Mrs Long and Mrs Selby

Farming

People and Communities

The children will continue to talk about members of their immediate family and community this term. We will be looking at 'Belonging' in the Christian faith and learning about Easter and why it is special for Christians.

The World

We will have a focus on farm animals this term, learning about what they eat, where they sleep and matching animals to their babies. We will also investigate materials that the Three Little Pigs could use to build their house.

Literacy

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books around Farming. Including Tractor Ted's Big Machines, Rosie's Walk and The Three Little Pigs. In writing, some children will be attempting to write sentences. Others will be focusing on writing sounds, labels and words. In reading, the children will apply their phonics knowledge to read and understand words, sentences and simple stories.

Communication & Language

The children will continue to work on their understanding of how to listen and why listening is important. They will use talk to help work out problems, organise their thinking and explain why things might happen. They will be exploring new vocabulary linked to our key texts and to farms in general. They will be encouraged to articulate their thoughts in well-formed sentences and to use a range of connectives.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will be using a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas. They will begin to build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them, and will be encouraged to share their creations, explaining the process they have used. As a class we will explore collage of farm animals, junk modelling house for the Three Little Pigs and make instruments to help Russel the Sheep go to sleep.