

This week we have enjoyed visiting our classroom and meeting our new teachers. We have been having discussions about the changes in Year 1. We have been looking at our emotions and trying to identify how we are feeling about moving up to Year 1. In maths this week we have been looking at odd and even numbers. We have been sharing different amounts equally to find out if it is an odd number or an even number.

**Phonics:-** We will be engaging in lots of writing opportunities about the farm this week and will be continuing to use our phase 2 and 3 sounds in our writing. We will be writing about our favourite farm animals and writing questions to find out more about the different animals.

**Maths:-** We will be focusing on prepositions and positional language in our play. We will be taking part in activities which encourage the children to use positional language to describe where different items are. E.g the teddy is under the table.

**Literacy:-** We will be looking at the new book 'Farmer Duck' this week in line with our farm trip. We will be using the book for discussion about the farm.

**At home you could:-** Talk about their visit to the farm and create your own fact file about one of their favourite farm animals. For maths you can play a hide and seek game and give your child clues about where you have hidden a soft toy e.g the toy is between the chair and the table

**Important Notices:-**

- **Farm trip-** Please could you make sure that all children are dressed in their full **school uniform** and wear **trainers** for the farm trip. Packed lunch will be provided to all the children who usually have school meals. If you don't normally have school meals then please bring your packed lunch as usual.
- **Library-** Children have started taking library books home again. Please keep library books in bags so they can be changed.
- Please look out for a Tapestry observation as we have found some scooters which may belong to you.
- **Reading books-** Your child will receive 2 new reading books on a Monday and these will be replaced for 1 new book on a Friday. Please ensure your child's reading book and diary is in their book bag every day. Due to the numbers of books, you may find your child is on the same colour but a slightly different number; this is because the colours determine the level and numbers determine the sounds within the book.
- Please make sure you are signing your child's reading record every day, this does not always need to be their phonics books. **Please could you note if you have read to the child or if the child has read to you.**

**Key dates:-**

- Bocketts Farm Trip- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July- everyone should have signed and returned the form by now.
- Sports Day - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July
- School Reports sent home to parents via pupils - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- End of Year Class Celebrations - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July
- End of Term - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July (Early finish - staggered pick up 1.00pm, 1.10pm and 1.20pm)

Thank you  
The Reception Team