



Year R Newsletter—Summer 1

We will launch our topic by visiting Staunton Farm to have some first hand experience of handling animals.

We will also be visited by some pets such as a chameleon, tortoise, guinea pigs and Leopard gecko - we will be looking at the similarities and differences of these animals.

We are also visiting Staunton farm

Important Dates

Please see the school website www.westoverprimary.co.uk and the Headteacher's Newsletter for important whole school dates.

- Staunton Country Park visit - **Wednesday 24th April**
- Book fair in the school hall—Tuesday 30th April-Friday 3rd May

Important Messages

Contact telephone numbers - please contact the school office to notify us of any changes in contact details.

We have noticed that some children are reading less frequently at home. In order to reach their potential please could children read at home every day for about five to ten minutes. Thank you so much to all parents who are supporting us in this.

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Our Topic this half term is

"All Creatures Great and Small"

Our learning this half term will be centred around different animals and the story The little Red Hen. We will be re-telling the story to support our speaking and listening skills and even making some bread like in the story.



Photo from Last half term; Working together in groups to build a wall for humpty dumpty. At first we kept making walls that came apart so we looked at the school walls and realised there was a pattern to make the wall sturdy.

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Our Year R Team

Teachers:

Miss Miles

Mrs Atkins

HLTAs and TAs:

Mrs Llewellyn

Mrs Lennon

Mrs Kemp

Mrs Bennett

Miss Hussain

What your children will be learning in each of the curriculum subjects this half term

Subject	What the children will be learning:
Mathematics	Continuing to learn about doubling, halving and sharing. We will be thinking about weight and using scales to decide if objects are heavier and lighter and then comparing. We will spend some time learning about money and each coin value and have a go at adding small amounts together.
Literacy	We will really be focussing this term on getting the children to write in more depth and for them to be writing more than one sentence. We will also be continuing to make sure they use the correct sounds in words and remember to use a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop consistently in their writing.
Physical development	Now we have learnt how to form all the letters in cursive writing some of the children will have a go at practising them again to make them even better whilst others will learn to join letters and ensure that the letters are the correct height. We will be working on improving our ball skills - throwing and catching, using different sized balls. We will be beginning to learn simple hockey skills.
Personal, social and emotional development	Learning to work as part of a group. Talking about things they're good at and things they don't find easy. Listens to and takes account of what others say. Resolving minor disagreements through listening to each other.
Communication and language	When talking about our weekends or during circle time we will make sure we express ourselves clearly and show awareness of listeners' needs. We will also use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events
Understanding the world	When making bread talking about the changes it goes through. Making observations of animals and learning about different life cycles. Through our technology day selecting and using technology for particular purposes
Expressive arts and design	Learning to use particular colours for a purpose. Playing co-operatively as part of a group to develop a narrative.

Homework

Home reading books are changed frequently. We ask that when you have read with your child you record this in the pink reading log book. When children have read at home then they can get a sticker on their reading bookmark.

We have now taught all of the sounds and tricky words for Year R. Please continue to practice these (especially tricky words) as this will help your child's fluency in reading.

Year R PE Day

THURSDAY - Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school and is named. We recommend that the PE kit is left at school and taken home each half term to be washed.

Year R Library Day

We go to the Library on **THURSDAY**. Children come home with a library book for you to share with each other. Please ensure the book is in their book bag on a Thursday so they can change it.

Year group notices

After the Easter holidays look out in the classroom window for a new Walk and Talk sign. We are introducing this to help support your child in talking about their day as we know they don't tell you much! It will give you some key things we have done either that day or covered over a few days.

Don't forget to keep sending in the orange star cards for WOW moments and home and also the proud parent learning slips we gave out at parent's evening.

PAYMENT FOR STAUNTON is due on the first day back TUESDAY 23rd April.

