



We have an exciting week for our final week of the Spring term. We will be celebrating St Joseph's Day, with various crafts which relate to our school saint, plus we are being visited by the circus and all the children will get an opportunity to learn different circus skills. We are also meeting Dan and Emily again from One Life Music, and have our Easter bonnet parade at the end of the week. We will also be completing our Cafod, big Lent walk, so please return any sponsor forms and money to school as soon as possible.

In Literacy this week, we will begin our new text, 'Dear Zoo'. We will use role play to help us learn the story. We will be exploring some of the new language in the book, with a particular focus to the adjectives to describe the different animals.. will story map the story and innovate the story with farm animals.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills up to 5, we will practice writing the number 1, 2 3, 4 and 5. We will practice again subitising to 3. We will also look at different patterns

In RE, we will complete our next unit 'Holy Week - Hearing'. We will talk about dying being a normal part of life and that Jesus died on the cross during Holy Week. **With your child, talk about dying being a normal part of life.**

In Understanding the World, we will begin our new topic of 'Easter and we will talk about the different things we see at Easter. We will also explore things that are magnetic and things that are non-magnetic.

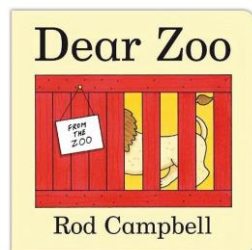
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will think about Easter and make Easter peek a boo bunny faces.

Focus words this week: zoo, Joseph, died, bunny, pattern

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Dear Zoo



Maths Focus: Subitising to 3



Can you practice counting to 3?

Can you count 3 objects, pointing to each object as you count?

Can you ask your adult at home to hold up either 1, 2 or 3 fingers and can you say how many fingers are being held up?

Can you spot any patterns around your house?

Can you make a pattern at home?

Rhymes of the week

Pitter Patter

Raindrops

I hear thunder, I
hear thunder
Hark don't you, hark
don't you
Pitter Patter
raindrops, pitter patter
raindrops
I'm wet through, so
are you!

Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns
Hot cross buns
One a penny, two a
penny
Hot cross buns
If you have no
daughters, give them
to your sons
One a penny, two a
penny
Hot cross buns

Story Time

Reading books will be changed on a **Monday**.
Please send your child's book bag into school each
day with their planner and reading book. Please
ensure the planner is signed to show that you have
read with your child. Thank you.

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth, Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Machin (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett.

Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: In the morning, when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, when you collect your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practice our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- We will read the story 'Dear Zoo'.
- We will learn to retell the story through actions and role play.
- We will explore the different adjectives used to describe the animals.
- We will story map it and innovate it using farm animals.
- We will practice counting to 5.
- We will subitise to 3.
- We will explore different repeated patterns and design our own Easter eggs.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will learn about magnetic and non-magnetic materials.
- We will make peek-a-boo bunnies.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will role play in a Garden Centre.
- We will learn about Holy Week.
- We will learn that dying is a normal part of life and that Jesus died on the cross.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Important dates

Tuesday 19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day

Thursday 21st March - One Life Music, whole school retreat

Friday 22nd March - Easter Bonnet Parade

- CAFOD Big Lent Walk - Please return any sponsor forms and money by this day if not earlier.

EASTER BREAK - Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April

SUMMER TERM - Children return - Monday 8th April