

# Robins Class Parent Update

## Spring Term 2 2023



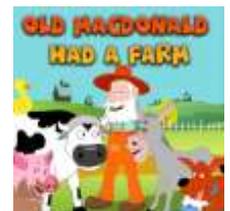
The first half of the Spring Term passed by super quickly and we are now ready to begin our new half termly topic.

We all had so much fun last half term with Travel and Transport. Mr Gumpy's Motor Car and The Magic Train were definitely huge highlights and some children are still asking for these which is wonderful as it shows just how much they enjoyed them.

Our topic this half term is **'Nursery Rhymes'** which we are sure everyone will love! The topic will be broken down as follows:

### **'Nursery Rhymes – Rhymes about animals'**

Our main rhyme for communication and literacy will be 'Old MacDonald Had a Farm'.



We will be using all the animal puppets and toys for role play and small world play while we make animal sounds and practise the names and signs for each animal. We will play listening games and try to guess which animal might be hiding in



the feely bag. This will also give us wonderful opportunities to build our expressive language skills using words, signs and visuals as we communicate "I see....", "I

hear....” And “I want.....”

We will have lots of different sensory trays to explore from grass and hay to goop and chocolate pudding with some lovely bubbly water to wash and clean all the dirty animals. We will also enjoy lots of opportunities to mark make and paint in different ways and to write letters and words where this is appropriate.

A lovely version of the rhyme can be found here which uses some of the signs we will be teaching.

<https://youtu.be/yJvEwjK0ISQ>

For Maths, our focus will be 5 Little Ducks where we will practise our counting, number recognition and ordering and subtracting 1 each time to see how many ducks are left.

We will have fun in the water tray as well, exploring a range of different number and counting resources with playdough and other messy play materials.

Our outdoor learning focus will be Incy Wincy Spider. We will be singing the rhyme including ‘down came the rain’ and ‘down came the snow and made poor Incy freeze’! We will be having lots of fun with the gutters and the water tray as we attempt to ‘wash poor Incy from the ice range of tools. We will also



explore ways that we can melt the ice.

Additional animal themed nursery rhymes may include

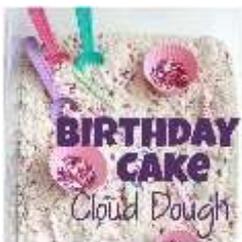
- Baa Baa Black Sheep
- 5 Speckled Frogs
- Hickory Dickory Dock

We will also celebrate Shrove Tuesday and have lots of pancake fun including pancake batter messy play and tasting some delicious pancakes and having the opportunity to choose different toppings.

### **‘Nursery Rhymes – Rhymes about food’**

This part of the topic will tie in beautifully with Easter.

We will begin with a bit of a tea party theme, learning I’m a Little Teapot and Pat a Cake. From the children’s response to The Land of Cakes from The Magic Train Ride, this will prove very popular! We will enjoy lots of tea and cake making messy play with tea leaves, flour, sprinkles, chocolate powder and other ingredients and will make lots of cakes with malleable



materials such as playdough and cloud dough. We will add candles and other embellishments and practise singing Happy Birthday and blowing out the candles.

We will also role play washing and drying up with soapy water, brushes, sponges and tea towels so get ready to put the little Robins to work at home!

Our Maths will have a money focus as we sing 5 Currant Buns and explore coins and their value. We will enjoy more messy play making buns and will open up a bakery shop to explore and enjoy some role play shopping.



There will also be lots of opportunities towards the end of term for some Easter sensory exploration and lots of Easter themed art and craft activities.

Over the term we will also sing other rhymes including action rhymes and some of these we will take out to the MUGA (multi use games area) to sing and play with the parachute.

These may include:

- Miss Polly had a Dolly
- The Grand Old Duke of York
- Wind the Bobbin Up
- If You're Happy and You Know It
- Five Green Peas
- Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

- Ring o Roses
- Hop Little Bunnies
- I Dig My Garden

Thank you to everyone who has shared updates on Tapestry, we love to see all the different things you have been up to. Thank you also to everyone who writes a comment or lets us know with a thumbs up that they have seen their child's work. If you haven't looked at Tapestry in a while, please do take a look because it is packed full of the wonderful learning the children have been doing which I am sure you will love to see.

You will shortly be receiving information regarding 'Learning Conversations' with an opportunity to book an appointment. As last term, this just means a parents evening. Please do book an appointment so that we can chat about all the wonderful things the children have been up to and I can share their incredible progress with you. You will also be able to look at their workbook. If coming to school is very tricky, please let me know and we can try and arrange a phone call instead.

We hope to hold another welcome morning before the Easter Holiday. We will send you a date as soon as possible so hopefully as many of you as possible can come and join us.

Thank you for all your continued support. We are looking forward to another super half term with your children.

Jane and Robins Class Team 

