



This is a busy term with lots of events planned. This is also the last term for some of the children who will be transitioning to primary school in September.

Themes planned for this term:

- Spring/Summer
- Farm Animals
- Mini Beasts
- Transitions
- Holidays

Spring/Summer

The children will enjoy going on a "spring walk" around the nursery garden. They will look at the blossom and flowers growing in the environment. Children have already been involved in planting seeds and avocado stones. We will be looking at planting some bulbs this term.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Talk to your child/ren about changes at this time of year. Encourage your child to "describe what they see".
- Use a digital device to take a photo of seasonal changes.
- Grow your own vegetables and/or herbs.

Farm Animals

Children will be having a visit from Ark Farm. Ark Farm visit nurseries and schools to support children's learning and show how animals are cared for. Children will have the opportunity to pet the animals. In nursery the children will be learning about farm animals. We enjoy exploring different types of resources to enhance and extend the children's learning including story sacks, fiction and non-fiction books, number rhymes and small world farm animals. The children will use paint and collage to create farm pictures and models which will be displayed in the classrooms.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Talk to your child/ren about what they have seen and heard at the farm.
- Find out about animals that live on a farm.
- Share rhymes such as Baa Baa Black Sheep, 5 Little Ducks, Old MacDonalld had a Farm.



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS TERM...

15th May – Ark Farm Visit to Nursery

Ark Farm will be visiting us to show the children a number of farm animals and to talk to them about caring for them, this will support their learning this term.

22nd May- Ready for School Workshop

A parent workshop on Reading and Writing. (See details overleaf). Book via reception from 7th May 2019.

25th June - Sponsored Circuit

Parents will be invited to support their child/ren taking part in a fund raising sports event. We will also be holding a Cake Sale on that day. (Our reserve date is Thurs 4th July)

W/c 8th July – Leavers Consultations

You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's key worker. A letter and questionnaire will follow nearer the time.

17th & 18th July – Nursery Leavers Ceremony & Picnic

This year we will hold two Leavers ceremonies. The morning nursery children will have their ceremony on Wednesday 17th July at 9am and 10.00am depending which group they are in. The afternoon nursery children will have their ceremony on Thursday 18th July from 1.00pm. This will be an opportunity for children, teachers and parents to say farewell. Details to follow.

Thank you

- To William's mum Dr Sargeant for coming in to talk to the children and demonstrate bandaging.
- To everyone who donated a bottle and bought raffle tickets for our Tombola. We raised £128.00 which paid for our Easter Activities.



Mini Beasts

The children really enjoy exploring the garden looking for mini beasts. The caterpillar larvae will arrive in June, this is a lovely project we do in nursery and the children are captivated by watching the larvae turn into butterflies. The children create lovely butterfly paintings and creative work influenced by what they have seen.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Go on a mini beast hunt in the garden.
- Make a mini beast bug house.
- Listen to stories about mini beasts.
- Count the legs on spiders, ladybirds etc.
- Look at photos of mini beasts on the computer.

Transitions

Next half term staff will be talking with the children who are moving on to primary school about changes. To support this we share local school books with the children, which we use as a talking point to support the transition. We display pictures of all local schools and which children will be attending them in September. Reception teachers from some local schools will visit the children in the setting and talk to staff.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Visit your child's new school on your allocated visit day – you will be informed of this by your primary school.
- Talk to your children about their new uniform, the building, play equipment and new teachers.

Holidays

The summer holidays are fast approaching. At Batford this term we will be talking about different destinations and locating them on a globe/map. We will be using non-fiction books to find out about different countries and continents.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Talk to your children about holidays you have been on and what you did.
- Talk about different types of holidays e.g. camping, walking, cycling holidays.
- Make a travel journal together - include "treasures" and drawings.

Parent Workshop...

The final workshop this year is on "Ready for School". Come and listen to a talk by our expert teacher and take part in some fun activities with your children to do with reading and writing skills. Sign up at reception from 7th May 2019.

Sun-Safety reminder

Please supply a named sun hat. Apply sun cream before coming to nursery. Ensure shoulders are covered and appropriate footwear is worn, no crocs/flip flops. Please refer to our policy, previously e-mailed to parents. If your child requires specific sun cream please supply this to your key worker with your child's name and colour group on it. Batford Nursery School will be using Boots "Soltan" kids sensitive SPF 50+.

Polite Reminders

Please take all your child's belongings with you at the end of all sessions, as the cloakroom areas are becoming a little cluttered and untidy. If you need to bring in spare clothes etc. please **do not** bring these in a plastic bag for safety reasons. Nursery provide water for the children, please **do not** bring in water bottles.

Plea for resources

We are currently developing our outdoor learning with a focus on "planting". We are looking for the following resources:

- Plant pots, compost, seeds, bulbs

E-Safety Newsletter

Please see the link below to this term's e-safety newsletter.
http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/news/newsletters/documents/online_safety_newsletter_parents_sum18.pdf

