

# Oak Lodge EYFS Weekly News

Summer Term 1 - Week Ending 11.6.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you had an amazing half term break! The weather was amazing. We can't believe that this is our final half term together in EYFS! This term we will be encouraging the children's independence in their reading, writing and maths work and also praising their good sitting, looking and listening to prepare them for Year 1. You can see what the children are working towards on 'New Curriculum Early Learning Goals' in your challenge book. Please continue to read with your child every night and to complete the weekly challenges.

Our topic for the remainder of this half term is 'Animals'. We are so excited to be supporting a local charity called 'Foal Farm', and a lot of our learning will be about what animals need and how we can look after them. Our main aim is to provide care packages for the animals at Foal Farm and we will do this by growing vegetables, arranging donations of old blankets, towels and other items. Also, we will raise funds by holding a bake sale. The children will be involved in planning, generating ideas, designing posters etc. They will learn that they can make a difference.

Please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school daily; that you apply sun cream **before** school and that your child brings in a **named sun hat**.

**IMPORTANT:** Please can your child wear their PE kit next week on **Tuesday 15th June for Sports Day**. Your child will need to wear their **uniform on Friday 18th and Friday 25th June** (school photo).

Many thanks from the EYFS team

## Prime Areas

**C&L:** We have been learning about animals from different places, what they need and how to look after them.

**PD:** The children have been throwing, catching, balancing, completing relays and practising working as a team by taking turns and praising teammates.

**Fine motor:** We have been drawing and cutting out our pets and favourite animals as well as painting symmetrical pictures to help us understand doubling.

**PSED:** We have been encouraging children in groups outside to play cooperation games such as taking turns in the vets and explaining what is wrong with their animal.

## Specific Areas

**Literacy:** This week we have learned about animals from zoos, farms and pets we have at home. We have learned how to explain which animals live where, what they need and how to look after them like we do with Tickles and Pickles, the school guinea pigs.

**Phonics:** We continue to recap phase 3 sounds and how to write them.

**Maths:** We have revised doubling numbers up to 10+10 and linking them to their addition sentences. Some children have been introduced to near doubles.

**EAD:** On the creative table the children have made pictures of pets and symmetrical bumblebees, ladybirds and butterflies.

**UW:** The children have been learning about animals and their babies and where they live.

## Foal Farm Wish List

This week we are collecting old blankets and towels. Please bring donations to any of our EYFS classes. Thank you so much!

## Weekly Challenge

Practise writing the addition sentences for all the doubles up to 10+10. If your child is confident, practise rapidly recalling the answers to the additions then practise near doubles e.g. if I know  $5+5=10$ , then  $5+6=11$ .