

Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Matters



Term **Spring 2 - 2018**

Year Group **Reception**

Teacher **Mrs Kirkwood**

Please note that not all subject areas will necessarily be taught each term and we cannot write down everything we teach!

Topic

Space Chicks and Easter!

We are having an incubator delivered to school on Tuesday 27th February and the eggs should hatch before the end of the week! We will be learning all about the life cycle of a chicken and hopefully watch them hatch at school.

We will then be learning about space. We will be thinking about rockets, aliens, the planets, the sun, the moon and stars!

Finally we will be thinking about Easter and talking about our experiences of Easter and Spring.

Literacy

- Reading and spelling the 45 reception key words.
- Using the phonemes ai, er, or and igh to read and write tricky words.
- Learning to read the tricky words are, all and my.
- Using our phonic knowledge to write names for our chicks.
- Thinking about rhyming words and writing our own poetry.
- Writing a recount of what happened when the chicks hatched and using the words first, next and finally.

Mathematics

- We will be measuring rockets and learning how to put things in height order.
- Completing missing number problems.
- Using Numicon to add and subtract 2 single digit numbers.
- Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and grouping objects into 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Solving problems involving doubling.

Personal, Social and Emotional Education and RE

- We will be thinking about relationships and talking about what makes us special.
- We will also be learning about the Easter story.
- Playing co-operatively and taking turns with others.
- Setting ourselves goals and feeling proud of ourselves when we have achieved them.

Physical Development

- Playing outdoor games building on what we have learned so far this year and making up our own games.
- In gymnastics we will be building on skills learned previously this year and learning how to link a sequence of movements together.
- Learning some space dances and listening to instructions.
- Dancing and playing ring games.

Communication and Language

- Following instructions involving several ideas or actions during dance and music activities.
- Asking how and why questions in response to watching the chicks hatch and grow.
- Listening to stories about space.
- Asking and answering questions about the planets.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Safely using and exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function by creating clay aliens and 3d models.
- Representing own ideas, thoughts and feelings through space themed dance and music.

Understanding the World

- Observing our chicks as they hatch, grow and change.
- Watching our environment change as we move from Winter to Spring.
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Helping at Home

- Read with your child often and remember to write in your child's reading record!
- Practice your child's spellings with them and encourage them to use the cursive handwriting style.
- Practice counting in 5's.
- Look out for changes in your garden which are signs of Spring!
- Look at the moon and the night sky and discuss what you can see.
- Talk about using sequencing words to organise our thoughts when writing eg- first, next, then and finally.
- Count forwards and backwards using numbers to 20
- Play games and try to remember some simple number facts eg- $2+3=5$
- Visit the oxford owl website. You can join for free and there are loads of interactive books for your child to enjoy!

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

