

Year 2 INSPIRE curriculum newsletter – Autumn 1

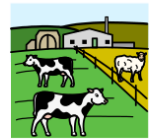
In our Geography lessons, Year 2 will be learning about what happens on a farm, what food comes from a farm, the difference and similarities between urban and rural areas and we will be creating maps. We will be going on a trip to Whitepost farm to support our subject knowledge.

Our crucial curriculum content for this topic is:

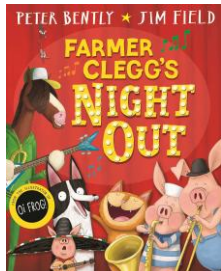
- To know features of the countryside
- To use aerial photographs to study an area
- To compare rural and urban
- To know what happens on a farm



Geography



Farm



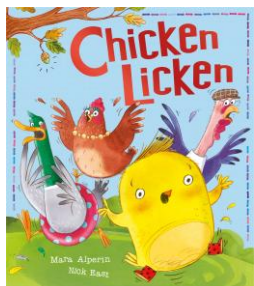
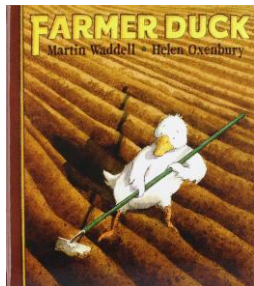
Reading



Writing



Art



We will be reading a variety of non-fiction texts linked to our topic to build our reading skills. We will also read fiction stories this half term such as 'Chicken Licken' by Mara Alperin and 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell.

In writing lessons, we will write a recount of our trip to Whitepost Farm and create our own narrative losing story using the book 'Farmer Clegg's Night Out' by Peter Bently. This introductory unit will build on foundational writing skills while introducing new concepts to help sentence construction, planning and organising ideas and expanding their vocabulary.

In Art lessons, we will research collages using natural materials. We will explore the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy. We will then design, create and evaluate our very own collages using natural materials of farm animals.



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Science

In science lessons, we will be learning all about the life cycles and what humans and animals need to survive. We will also learn where animals get their food and create simple food chains. We will also discuss healthy eating and the importance of exercise.



music

In music lessons, we will explore ways to use our voice expressively while singing.



PE

In PE lessons, we will be improving our team building skills and revisiting our fundamental skills.



PSHE

In PSHE, we are focusing on Rules and Responsibilities to help us remind ourselves of our school expectations and motto.



RE

In RE, we will be focusing on the question 'Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?'.



Computing

In Computing, we will be learning how to use our iPads safely and we will also be using Scratch Jr.



Phonics

In Phonics, we will recap our Phase 5a and 5b graphemes.

INSPIRE - Investigate

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Skills

Practical

Imaginative

Reflect

Enjoy

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Maths

In maths, we will be diving into the foundations of number and place value through the White Rose Maths curriculum.

Key learning includes:

-  Counting forwards and backwards up to 100
-  Recognising tens and ones in two-digit numbers
-  Reading and writing numbers in numerals and words
-  Partitioning numbers in different ways
-  Comparing and ordering numbers using place value
-  Counting in steps of 2, 5, 10 and 3

Children will use practical resources, pictorial representations, and number lines to deepen their understanding. Reasoning and problem-solving activities will help develop fluency and confidence with numbers.

This term, we will fulfil the pledge 'Be an adventurer' by participating on a trip to Whitepost farm in our geography lessons.

1. Be safe, happy and healthy
2. Be a fundraiser
3. Be a performer
4. Be an eco-warrior
5. Be respectful
6. Be a volunteer
7. Be democratic
8. Be an adventurer
9. Be an expert learner
10. Be workwise

