



Nursery Newsletter

Summer Term 1



# Spring on the Farm



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would love to start our newsletter with a reflection and take this opportunity to send you all a very big thank you!

Thank you for making my first term at Silsden Primary so welcoming, delightful and an all round success. Your kind words and support really do mean so much and have given each of the Nursery team the biggest smiles! Together, as a Nursery family, we have achieved so much in such a short space of time. If I could use one word to describe Spring term, it would be phenomenal! We are so proud of our Nursery children for the resilience, happiness and passion they demonstrated throughout such strange times. From wizards to witches, archaeologists to storytellers and potion makers to fairies - we delved deep into our wildest imagination and became whoever we wanted to be. As a result, we grew as confident, creative and totally dedicated learners. To take your children on such a fascinating learning journey is a privilege that has led to an abundance of magical moments and memories.

Now to spring forward to Summer 1— you best have your wellies at the ready for this one! We're off on an extraordinary, seven week farm adventure. It's all about getting our hands mucky and exploring the wonderful wildlife and natural world that surrounds us. Each week we will travel to a unique part or type of farm to further investigate our theme of 'growing' and explore our individual interests. It's up to the children to navigate the next destination using our unique farm map. Directions and super-skilled map readers here we come!

Let's take an exclusive glimpse at the farm map and see what our seven week adventure has in store..

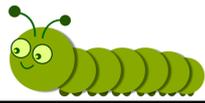
- Week 1— Life in the Pond
- Week 2— The Bee Hive
- Week 3— The Bug Hotel
- Week 4— The Flower Farm
- Week 5— The Allotment
- Week 6/7—A Tour of the Farm

If this didn't sound exciting enough, we are going to be welcoming some special guests to our classroom too! The tadpoles are back for further investigation, caterpillars are setting up camp and a special incubator with some rather spectacular eggs will call Silsden Nursery home for a while. Wait, what's that? There's even more! To experience life on the farm and get up close and personal to some of Yorkshire's most beloved animals, we're going on a road trip to Hesketh Farm. The trip will provide our children a fantastic opportunity to get hands-on and make links between their experience in the classroom and the real world. **Penguins (AM) will be attending the farm on 25th May and Parrots (PM) on 26th May for the full day.**

As part of growing and flower farms, we will be performing an outdoor makeover! The main focus is to create an inviting, vibrant and calming space that places our children at the forefront. The children will be involved in every process, from designing to constructing and enjoying the rewarding final piece. This project will immerse children in the process of growing and allow them to experience the journey our food takes before it lands on our plates. Keep an eye out for some upcycling, wild flower beds and a new addition to Silsden Nursery; the Bug Hotel.

It's time to get messy and muddy!

Miss Keenan, Mrs Rowling, Miss Oddy and Mrs Brown.



# Spring on the Farm



## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Team Minibeast Hotel Building
- Emotion Stones
- The Happiness Jar
- Farm Tucker Trial - Sensory Food Experience

## Communication & Language

- Five Speckled Frogs Playdough Station
- Question of the Day
- Words of the Week
- Repeated Reads - everyday we read the same book at story time for a week. It helps us to join in with rhyme and repetition.

## Literacy

- Eric Carle Illustration Project - designing our own tissue papers
- What's hiding in the pond? - Parachute, initial sounds and pondlife.
- The Jelly Pond - sensory mark-making using fingers and paintbrushes.
- My Little Book about... - storybook creation.

## Understanding The World

- Under and Over the Pond Exploration Station
- Real Life Caterpillar House - Lifecycles
- Real Chick Eggs - Lifecycles
- Tadpoles/Froglet Tank
- Mini Pond - Water skaters and frog lifecycles.
- Programming the Bee's Journey - Beebot

## Mathematics

- Magical Frogspawn Sorting
- Loose Parts - Flower Patterns using seeds
- What's for dinner? - The farm animals are hungry and need their lunch. The children must match the correct size dish to the animal.
- Butterfly Sorting by colour.

## Physical Development

- Fill the Beehive - Fine Motor Skills
- Farm Tucker Trial
- Frog's Sticky Flies - Tweezer Challenge
- Sheer the Sheep

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Eric Carle Illustration Project - Collage Minibeasts
- Mirror Painting - flowers/clouds/environment
- Minibeast Texture Hunt
- Suncatchers

## Home Learning

Please refer to ClassDojo. Each week I will pop a fun and family based activity on Dojo for everyone to enjoy. Please send across your pictures, I would love to share them with our Nursery family.

# Nursery Songs

## Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs,  
Sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs.  
Yum yum!

One jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were four speckled frogs.  
Glub! Glub!

Four little speckled frog...

Three little speckled frogs...

Two little speckled frogs...

One little speckled frog.



## Lots of Minibeasts

Tune: *Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*

Ants, worms and bumblebees,  
bumble-bees.

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bumble-bees.

Oh, lots of min-i-beasts on plants and trees.

Ants, worms and bumblebees,  
bumble-bees.

Snails, pretty butterflies,  
butterflies.

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butterflies.

Oh, see them crawl or flying in the sky. Snails,

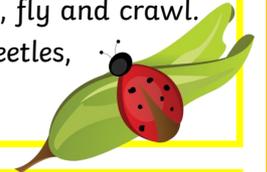
pretty butterflies,  
butterflies.

La-dy-birds and beetles,  
and beetles.

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and beetles.

Oh, minibeasts can wriggle, fly and crawl.

La-dy-bird and beetles,  
and beetles.



## Parts of a Plant

Tune: *The Wheels on the Bus*

The roots on a plant grow underground,  
Underground, underground.

The roots on a plant grow underground,  
Roots are part of a plant.

The stems on a plant hold up the leaves,  
Up the leaves, up the leaves.

The stems on a plant hold up the leaves,  
Stems are part of a plant.

The leaves on a plant are making food,  
making food, making food.

The leaves on a plant are making food,  
Leaves are part of a plant.

The flowers on a plant are growing seeds,  
growing seeds, growing seeds.

The flowers on a plant are growing seeds,

Here are some of our favourite songs and dances in Nursery. Please find the links attached below.

### Go Bananas!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvqrQbopTMs&list=PL1wrsEJEvZjaldT9dV8c9LZgM3ZaMRexd&index=4>

### The Floor is Lava

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbNAiN8FTfc>