



Brougham  
Primary School

# Early Years Newsletter

## Spring 2

### Pre School



### **This term our theme within the Early Years is All Creatures Great and Small** **In Pre School our topic is Down on the Farm**

During this topic the children will learn about life on the farm. Through listening to stories and rhymes linked to farm animals' children will learn how to retell these using small world and construction areas. The children will expand their understanding of farm animals through talking about their features and learning about where they live and what they eat. The children will explore produce that is grown on farms in the UK and will grow and taste vegetables, learning how to look after them. As we transition into Spring the children will observe seasonal changes and explore new life on the farm.

#### **Ideas to support your child's learning through this topic:**

##### **Communication and Language**

- Listen to environmental sounds. What animals can you hear? Can you copy the sounds?
- Sing with your children – simple props like small world animals to support Old MacDonald had a farm is a great way to learn vocabulary and begin simple role play
- Encourage your child's listening skills, see if they can guess a farm animal from simple description i.e. 'My animal is black and white; my animal is fluffy etc'

##### **Physical Development**

- Develop your child's self-care skills such as washing and drying their own hands and going to the toilet
- Encourage your child to put on their own coat, zip it up and put on own gloves
- Gardening together with scoops, spades and brushes.

##### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Work together to make a delicious smoothie or soup using fresh ingredients found on a farm

##### **Literacy**

- Encourage children to listen to a CD or YouTube clip of animal sounds to see if they can tell you which one they can hear
- Explore farm related books together
- Visit local libraries who offer Sing and Sign sessions, or some Toddler groups around the town,
- Draw simple pictures of characters in songs like cow, pig, sheep and label these

##### **Maths**

- Sing number rhymes with your child <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-counting-songs/zn67kmn>
- Compare quantities of small world farm animal figures

##### **Understanding the World**

- Explore outside and how things change in Spring. Create Spring pictures and go on scavenger hunts
- Plant cress seeds and encourage child to notice growth over time

##### **Expressive Arts and Design**

- Make models using junk model materials to symbolise a barn, farmhouse and use of pens/paints for farm animals
- Create a Sheep picture using glue and cotton wool

If you would like to know more about our planned learning and experiences, please visit our website - **[www.brougham-school.org.uk](http://www.brougham-school.org.uk)**, Twitter - **@BroughamPrimary**, Facebook – **Brougham Primary School** and **ClassDojo**

#### **Reminders and Special Events**

Please remember to bring some wellies to school to keep here for the term so we can go outside in all weathers.  
Spare clothing, nappies and wipes are to be available in Pre School, please provide these daily.  
Please remember to keep your contact details up to date with the office.

#### **Important Dates**

**Term dates:** Monday 2nd March – Thursday 2nd April 2026

**Half term holiday:** Friday 3rd April 2026 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Return to school:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026