

Week 1 1st-5th June

Welcome to our home school communication! Each week you will get an overview of the class learning and will be set some home tasks too. Home school communication books should be returned to school on a **Wednesday**.

Please remember you have access to reading books on the Oxford Owl website. These are books that we have shared during our guided reading sessions.

Forest outdoor learning will be on Monday and PE will be on a Friday.

Please find below the summary of our week in school.	
In the Classroom...	This week we continued our farm themed activities following our recent school trip. The children have enjoyed painting pictures of farm animals and taking part in farmyard cutting activities, helping them to develop their fine motor skills and scissor control. In the water the children have been exploring how to make the water wheel turn by using variety of containers to pour and transport water. They have enjoyed experimenting with different ways to move the water and observing the effects of their actions. In RE we have been learning about how Christians believe that God created the world. The children worked together to create a large collage showing the many things Christians believe God made, and enjoyed discussing the world around them. Our role-play area has also been transformed in preparation for our exciting new topic 'Under the Sea', which we will begin exploring next week. The children have shown lots of enthusiasm as they have started to discover the new environment.
Outside the classroom...	On Tuesday, we enjoyed our school trip to Windmill Farm Park. The children took part in a guided tour around the farm and had the opportunity to see lots of different animals, including goats, horses, pigs, sheep, llamas, guinea pigs, rabbits and chicks. They also enjoyed playing on a tractor and exploring both the indoor and outdoor play areas. The children were extremely well behaved throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed travelling on the coach to and from the farm. They were a credit to our school, demonstrating excellent listening skills and enthusiasm for learning. The trip provided lots of opportunities to learn new and interesting facts about farm animals and life on the farm. We will be sharing photographs from the day on the school website. We were very proud.
Phonics	This week, we have continued to recap our Phase 3 sounds to ensure they are secure and embedded before we move on to Phase 5. The children have been applying their phonics knowledge in their literacy work, where they have been writing a recount of their visit to the farm. They have worked hard to write short sentences and paragraphs using their phonetic knowledge, while also thinking carefully about sentence structure, spacing and punctuation.
Maths	In Maths this week, we have begun exploring repeating patterns. Through a range of practical activities, the children have been identifying, creating and continuing patterns using colours, shapes and objects. They have been encouraged to use mathematical language to describe patterns. As part of our continuous provision, the children have also enjoyed a variety of repeating pattern activities which have helped to develop their understanding of pattern and sequence.
Home learning	Please continue reading and write or draw your favourite part of the farm trip.
Diary dates	30 th June – Sports day

Please remember to visit the school website for the photos. [Reception class page](#)

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