



Nayland Primary School
Cygnets class newsletter

Spring 1

Our theme this half term is I love animals

We will begin this half term by learning about roles of people in the community. Cygnets will explore these roles through role play during the Little City visit. Each week the Cygnets will learn about different animals through stories, clips and animal visits. Stories include the Little red hen, Rosie's' walk and we will continue to develop imagination, literacy and numeracy skills through drawing club. We will learn about Shrove Tuesday and Easter.

Maths	<p><u>Doubles</u>—understand how to double <u>9 and 10</u>— recognise, count, compare and represent 9 and 10, combine two groups, one more, one less, composition of numbers, subitising, number bonds to 10, odd and even numbers <u>Length</u> — explore and compare length</p>
English	<p>We will be recapping all phonemes and digraphs learnt as well as learning to read the tricky words. Children will continue to practise writing precursive letters. Children will spell words by identifying sounds in them and represent the sounds with letters. They will write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others and begin to use capital letters and full stops. Retell and adapt stories.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>Learn about roles of people in society. Learn about religious celebrations and practices in the Christian community, with a focus on why the cross is an important symbol for Christians at Easter. Explore the natural world around them and learn about spring in the forest. Draw pictures of the natural world including plants and animals. Explore different countries through the animals that live there, compare life in different countries.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>Explore a variety of tools, materials and techniques as we create art based on our topic including animals. Share creations and explain the process. Move in time to music in dance, learning dance moves, using instruments and singing songs and rhymes.</p>
Physical Development	<p>Regular mark making and handwriting practise following the Letterjoin precursive letter scheme. PE lessons focused on games and dance, to move energetically, negotiating space and develop strength and coordination.</p>
French	<p>Cygnets will continue with the theme of classroom related objects.</p>
PSHE/No outsiders	<p>Manage their own hygiene and personal needs, including dressing and going to the toilet. Work and play cooperatively with others. Be confident to try new activities and show independence. We are learning that we like different things but we can all still be friends.</p>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child's clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child's PK kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don't forget to send your child into school with a water bottle, book bag and waterproof coat.

USEFUL APPS

- White Rose maths (free)
- Numberblocks (some free)
- Jolly phonics (£9.99)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday
- Reading books are changed on a Monday and Thursday. Library books are changed on a Thursday.
- 24.02.25 Little City, in school event
- Forest school dates—Monday 24.02.25, 3.03.25 and 10.03.25
- Pupil progress meetings, week commencing 10.03.25
- Look and share 24.03.25 3:30-4:00 and 25.03.25 8:30-9:00
- 28.03.25 non-uniform day
- Last day of half term and Easter fayre 4.04.25

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