

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

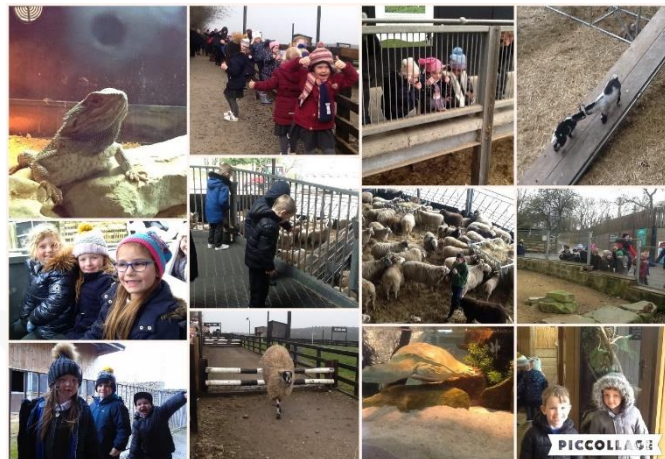
Dear Parents,

### **The 3 Billy Goats Gruff**

On Monday, we read an alternative version of the classic fairy tale 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff' told by the Troll, 'So listen, my bridge is so cool' by Nancy Loewen. The children were fascinated with the troll's house under the bridge so joined forces to build bridges in the outdoor areas of provision. The children had an exciting time re-enacting the story using key refrains and trip trapping over the bridge.

### **Trip to Cannon Hall Farm**

On Tuesday, the children were so excited to go on their very first trip to Cannon Hall Farm. We had a fabulous time looking at the animals and their young on the farm. The children particularly adored the sheep racing, round house and reptile house as well as 'petting' the rabbit and guinea pig at the end of our tour. The children were also interested in the 2 day old piglets. Our trip concluded with a fabulous tractor and trailer ride around the edge of the beautiful countryside to see the resident bull, shire horse and reindeer!



Following our trip to Cannon Hall Farm, the children have been inspired to create their own sheep racing circuit in our playground area. The children took it in turns to be the sheep, megaphone caller, kiosk manager, farmer and maintenance team to repair and modify the racing circuit. The children have also been building reptile houses and Meerkat habitats.



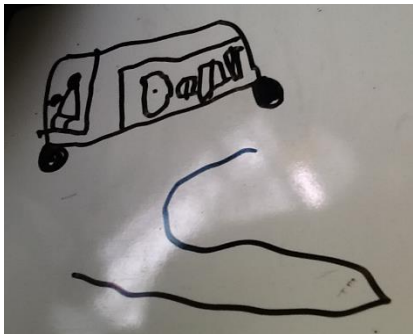
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### Literacy

Our focus at the moment is on learning to recognise and write our Action Words. Please continue to practise the Action Words 1.1-1.9 regularly at home using the games and ideas highlighted in the pink book as well as reading the book in your child's reading folder. Please comment and sign the diary each week. Every time your child reads at home, they receive a raffle ticket to be entered into the 'Special Mention Assembly' prize draw. During the week, children have been using their phonic and Action Word knowledge



to build and write sentences about the farm as well as drawing their own story maps to re tell our adventures at the farm. We are extremely pleased with the children's progress and growing independence with this.



### Maths

In Maths, we are learning to talk about the size of objects so that we can find the biggest and smallest vegetable for Farmer Burrows. The children have weighed real vegetables such as potatoes, carrots and onions talking about and comparing their size, weight and shape and recorded their observations. Yesterday, we created a pictogram of the children's favourite animals at the farm. We then talked about our results using excellent mathematical language.



### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – St Anne's Church Trip.**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evenings.**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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