



This term we have been learning about “Changes”. We have learnt about the how a tadpole changes into a frog. We went to the pond and saw lots of frogs and tadpoles. We carefully scooped up the tadpoles from the pond to put in a tank to have in our classrooms. We can see that some tadpoles have grown quite big and are beginning to grow their back legs. Soon they will be grow their back legs and become little froglets. We will then put a large stone in the tank so the froglets could jump on it and be able to breath air.



We have been learning about how we change. We talked about what we needed help with as a baby and what we can do now.



We are very excited because we have got chicken eggs in an incubator in our classrooms. The incubator is like a mummy hen, keeping the eggs warm. It will take 21 days for the eggs to hatch. We are counting down the days!!!



Next week we are going to plant sunflower seeds and see how they grow into a sunflower plant. We will talk about how we look after plants and other living things. We will also carry out an investigation to find out under what sort of condition does a bean seed like to grow in.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff



This half term we will be focusing on the story “The Three Billy Goats Gruff.” We will use the class story map to learn the words to the story. The story map helps us with the seqencing of the story. When we can retell the story confidently, we will innovate (to change the story)it to make a new story.

In tricky sounds to begin with a



phonics we are consolidating phase 2 and phase 3 sounds and words. We are learning to write simple sentences with those and tricky words. When we write sentences we need to remember with a capital letter, have finger spaces between words and end full stop.

**This is what we are learning in Maths this term:**

- Addition and subtraction calculations.
- Counting in 2s (2 4 6 8 10 12 etc...), 5s (5 10 15 20 25 30 etc...) and 10s (10 20 30 40 50 etc...).
- Doubling numbers to 10 e.g. double 3 is 6 ( $3+3=6$ ), double 4 is 8 ( $4+4=8$ ). The same number is added again.
- Compositions of different numbers. For example, the different compositions of number 6 are - 1 and 5, 3 and 3, 2 and 4 etc...



At home, you could:

- Look at photographs and talk about the different developmental stages of your child.
- Practice letter formation at home. Remember to say the patten when write the letter.
- Play number games such as “Snakes and Ladder”.
- Sound out and write simple words and sentences.
- Go for walks and notice all the different changes in the environment such as plants and flowers, bugs etc...

Reminders:

Please share a book regularly with your child.

Mondays are PE days. All children need a PE kit ie shorts, tee-shirt and trainers.

Rowan Class are swimming every Thursday this term. Swimming trunks/costume, swimming hat and a towel are needed in a named bag.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 4 May Problem Solving Mix-Up Day.

Friday 5 May School Disco

Monday 7 May Bank Holiday - School Closed.

**Friday 18 May Silver Birch campfire experience**

**Friday 25 May Rowan Class campfire experience**

**Monday 28 May to Friday 1 May School Closed for Half Term**

Monday 4 June School reopens for the second half of the Summer Term