

## EYFS – Our first half term

This half term the children have all settled well into Place Farm. The moment they leave their parents at the gate, they walk in to the classroom to choose their learning. Friendships have been made and all children are working exceptionally hard in all areas of learning.

This half term we have focused on 'Ourselves'. During this time, we have found out about likes, dislikes, families and pets. The children have joined in with group discussions and activities.

The books we have focused on this half term:

- The Golden rules books
- Starting school
- When I grow up
- Here we are
- Funny bones
- Owl babies
- We're going on a Bear Hunt
- Room on the Broom

Within our topic related activities, the children have been exposed to different types of vocabulary and how to use it in context. They have been set challenges in the setting and encouraged to 'brave write' different words. This has been a huge success and we have had lots of positive outcomes.



This half term, in Phonics we have taught s, a, t, p, n, i, m, n, d, g, o, c k ck, e, u, r. The children are working hard to secure their sound recognition and are beginning to blend sounds to read and segment sounds to write.



In Maths we have focused on number 0-5, looking at the numbers in depth, groups – quantities, objects, size and colour, as well as 2-D shapes and their properties.



Focus children have started and the children are really enjoying being a focus child. Parents are encouraged to complete a form about their child at the beginning of the week and then observations are uploaded to their online Learning Journal for their parents to see at the end of the week. This is supported by a phone call to inform the parents of how their child is progressing in school.

We are thoroughly enjoying spending time getting to know the children and watching their confidence and enthusiasm for learning grow.

