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We hope you have all had a great half term and enjoyed some special family time. The children have settled back into school well and seem to really be enjoying their learning.

Our theme this half term is **AT THE FARM** and we have lots of fun learning planned.

In **Literacy**, we will be focussing on the story of The Three Little Pigs. We will be using a story washing line to help us join in with repeated refrains in the text in the right places. We will be learning to use a story map to help us retell the story. The children will be identifying the main characters and settings within the story as well as the key events. We will then be innovating the story using the childrens ideas to adapt the main events of the story.

In **Maths**, we will be looking at money and subtraction. The children will be looking at the different notes and coins and the symbols that represent these. They will selecting coins to pay for items, ordering coins from 1p to £2, learning that coins can represent different values such as 5p being the same as five 1p coins. We will also be working out all the ways we can pay for items within 10p. We will also be looking at the vocabulary 'subtract' and 'take away' and that the minus sign is used to represent this. We will learn that to subtract we count backwards what one less means.

As a part of the **AT THE FARM** topic we will be looking closely at the different parts of a plant and identifying a selection of plants, trees, flowers and bushes in the environment. We will be planting our own cress seeds and looking at the things that plants need to grow. We will be observing the cress grow and doing regular observational drawings. We will also be looking at the things our own bodies need to stay healthy. We are also hoping to go on a visit to the farm.

It is going to be a busy half term leading up to Easter!