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What we have been learning...

This week the children have enjoyed having the farm visit Nursery. This experience enabled our children to make links to our core text "The Three Billy Goats Gruff". The children especially enjoyed being able to handle the animals and talking to their friends about which animals were their favourite.

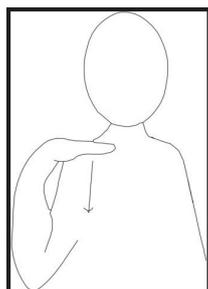
Next week we have the lambs coming to visit us, where the children will be able to experience feeding the lambs and handling the lambs.

This week Concept Cat came to teach us all about "**short**". The children explored what "tall" meant in different contexts. We used the construction area to measure how "**short**" we are and compared our heights with our friends. We also used the blocks to measure our height, knowing that if we needed more blocks this meant we were **shorter**.

Each week we are going to introduce a new Makaton sign. Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses symbols (pictures), signs (gestures) and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

Our Makaton Sign of the week this week is:

short



Attendance (6/3—19/3)

Retreat (pm)	95 %
Retreat (am)	91.7 %
Beth/Kate(am)	91.1 %
Katie (am)	90 %
Beth/Kate (pm)	90 %
Katie(pm)	90 %
Suzanne (am)	89.1%
Gillian(am)	89 %
Kiran	86 %
Suzanne(pm)	82 %
Gillian(pm)	80 %

Well done to the afternoon Retreat group for the best attendance.

Home activities

This week we have been talking about the different animals that we might find on the farm. At home you might want to discuss the different animals we see in our environment and why we might not see certain animals in our environment because they live in different climates around the world. E.g. we might see a chicken on the farm but we wouldn't see a penguin because penguins live in colder areas.

Help needed!

If anyone has a wheelbarrow, please could we borrow it over the Easter holidays. It would be a big help to move the delivery of some sand. Thanks.

Wear purple day

Nursery is going purple on Tuesday 24th March in support of the Daisy Garland Trust. They support children with drug-resistant epilepsy. Jonah from Chatterbox has drug-resistant epilepsy and his family have asked to support this amazing charity. Please encourage your child to wear something purple and please bring a small donation. Thank you.

Don't forget!

Nursery closes on Thursday for the Easter holidays. Nursery is closed on Friday 27th for staff training. We reopen on Monday 13th April.

Bunny Hop

Don't forget it's the Bunny Hop on Thursday 26th March. Parents are invited either at 11am or 2.15pm. Please return the sponsorship envelope to the office. All sponsorship money will go to Pendleside Hospice, caring for people who have been diagnosed with cancer or other life limiting illnesses. Thank you for your support.

Key Dates

Tues 24th March—wear purple day

Thurs 26th March—Bunny Hop (parents invited, 11am or 2.15pm)

Thurs 26th March—Nursery closes for Easter

Fri 27th March—Nursery closed for staff training.

Monday 13th April—Nursery reopens

20th April—24th April—Parents meetings (more details soon)