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Dear Reception Families,

Last week the children loved learning about sharks and other underwater creatures. They loved reading the rhyming book Shark in the Dark.

Learning

We are looking forward to our trip to Bockett's Farm on Wednesday; our focus this week is farm animals.

Communication, Language & Literacy:

We will read the story Rosie's Walk, a classic story set on a farm by Pat Hutchons.

We will draw and label farm animals. We will use our phonics knowledge to write the names of farm animals and have a go at writing sentences about them.

We will learn some new vocabulary and the Makaton signs for these words – **sly, direction, oblivious, clumsy, mill and haystack.**

Can your child show you the signs and tell you the meaning of these words?

Handwriting

This week we will focus on consolidating the formation for the letters we have practiced so far.

Phonics

We will be practicing reading words with the endings *-ing, -ed, -est*. Below are some to practice reading at home.

Jumping, swimming, smashed, trusted, blinked, hunted, freshest, strongest.

We will learn to recognise the tricky words **to, into, all, our, they, one, out,** and **today**.

Maths:

We will recall the names of 2D shapes, including circle, triangle, square, rectangle.

We will make pictures with 2D shapes and describe the shapes we used.

We will say which shape is the odd one out and explain why.

Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World)** – we will learn facts about farms and farm animals, enhanced by our visit to Bockett's Farm.

- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)** – this term our topic is 'Relationships'. This week we will continue to think about keeping friends and discuss the impact of using unkind words.

- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)** – we will draw, colour and paint farm animals. We will make animal masks and use them for role play games.

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- **PD (Physical development)** - over the term we will practice under arm throws, running in a straight line at speed, jumping with a one foot and two foot take off. We will also practice the skills needed ready for our Sports Day events.

Notices and reminders:

Bockett's Farm – We are looking forward to a fun day at the farm on Wednesday.

Below is the information shared in the previous letter about the trip. If you are coming with us on the day please wait by the school office and a member of staff will come and get you.

- Please talk to your child about staying close to their group leader and listening carefully to instructions.
- Please ensure your child is in school as close to 8:30 as possible so we can make sure everyone uses the toilet and is ready to board the coach at 9.
- Your child will need a packed lunch and a water bottle, preferably in a bag they can carry on their back.
- Children should wear their school uniform with comfortable shoes for walking; trainers are fine.
- We will aim to be back at school by 3:15 for the usual pick up time. The school office will inform you if we are running late.

In their book bags today, the children have some information explaining the trip to them. Please look at this together to help them prepare.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morley, Mrs Duxon and Mrs Lewis