



# Lingdale's Little Explorers

## Spring Term!

### Welcome back

We hope you all had a lovely break over Christmas! This term we will be looking at Winter and we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. The children will have the opportunity to make and taste some Chinese food. After half-term we will focus on the farm, Spring and Easter.

The stories we will be focusing on this term are "The Train Ride" and "Cock-a-moo-moo". Our main focus for nursery rhymes will be "The Wheels on the Bus" and "Old Macdonald".



### Reminders

Session times:

Door is open to drop off between 12.15-12.30 and pick up between 3.00-3.15.

Please continue to ensure that your child has nappies and wipes daily. If your child is toilet training please provide spare clothes.

Children are provided with milk and fruit and are able to bring a water bottle to access throughout the afternoon.

### Cold weather

As you know the weather is cold, wet and windy at this time of year. We will try and get the children outside as much as possible. We have waterproofs and wellies for each child, so please send suitable coats, hats and gloves.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Schumm and Miss Smith



### Home Loan

We have a range of stories available for you to borrow from our home loan shelves in our entrance. Please sign the books in and out in the book provided.

30/1	School closed PD day
20/2	Break up for half term
2/3	Return to school
5/3	World Book Day
20/3	Red Nose Day
30/3	Egg decorating competition (more info to follow)
2/4	Break up for Easter (2 weeks)

Please see below for what we intend to cover through the three prime areas of learning and development. We hope the curriculum information supports you in encouraging your child's development at home. For the first two weeks we will focus on settling in and establishing routines.

### **Communication and Language**

- Listen to an interactive short story or rhyme book.
- Listen and respond to a 1-step instruction.
- Link up to 5 words – say a simple sentence.
- Understand a simple question involving “where?”
- Can ask a simple questions eg “what that?”

### **Physical Development**

- Shows some control and confidence when using ride on toys.
- Shows confidence and some control in taking part in fine motor activities, eg: playdough and finger gym.
- Is able to use a pincer movement to be able to pick up a range of objects.
- Moves with confidence during indoor and outdoor activities using space available.
- Uses all five senses to explore materials and resources.
- Can climb confidently and is beginning to use play equipment.
- Take off a loose coat when undone

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Knows some things belong to them e.g. know which is their coat.
- Can make simple choices when presented with the choice of two options or ‘yes or no’ for such as fruit.
- Happy to watch other children play, even if they don’t want to join in.
- Initiate interaction with familiar children and adults using gesture, gaze and/or talk.
- Choose to play in areas that interest them with the support of an adult.
- Shows an interest in helping with dress and hygiene routines e.g. put arm out for sleeve in coat, foot for shoe.
- Knows when they need to go to the toilet, managing well with limited adult support. Still can have a few accidents.