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Dear Parents/Carers of Whipton Barton Federation Pre-School Pupils

The children have had a wonderful first full term in Picasso class where they have grown and developed in leaps and bounds. We are very proud of their many successes to date.

Our books for the start of 2025 will be: 'The Gruffalo', 'Busy People - Vet', 'Frank the Farmer', 'Busy People - Teacher' and 'Lanterns and Firecrackers'. Children will enjoy exploring the books through a variety of means eg role play, small world, arts and crafts, and even some in-school visits from a real farmer (hopefully)!



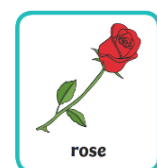
The children will be continuing their phonics journey by playing lots of games, including one of our favourites "What's in the Box?". In addition to this we will also be introducing alliteration (repeating the initial sound in words) eg ruby, ring, rose or bear, bed, book.



ruby



ring



rose

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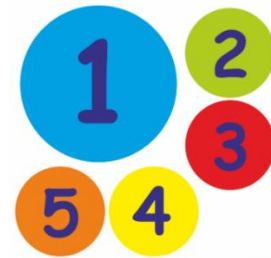
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In Maths, we will be revising numbers 1 - 3, and then looking at the numbers 4 and 5. We will also be looking at routes, using positional language, and going on lots of journeys around the school!



We will develop our Understanding of the World by building on our knowledge about animals, in particular pets and farm animals. We will



also learn about how people celebrate Chinese New Year and compare this to other celebrations that we know. We might even try some Chinese food and even have a go at writing our numbers in Chinese!



We very much look forward to the new term with your children and to see the new discoveries they make.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the class teachers or email admin@whiptonbarton.org.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ramsdale and Miss Walling

Class Teachers