



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATE



DATES:

13 - 17th April 2026

Phonics

We have been introduced to two new sounds this week: /wh/ and /qu/. Our common exception words have been 'what' and 'where'. The children continue to work on manipulating sounds in words as well as practicing their segmenting and blending.

Literacy

Our book has been 'Egg to Chicken,' a non-fiction book looking at the life cycle of a chicken. The children have really developed their understanding of the difference between fiction and non-fiction books detailing the features they would expect to find in a non-fiction book including a Contents Page, Glossary and Index as well as page numbers, titles and subtitles. The children have learnt how to care for a chick as well as the difference between a fertilised and unfertilised egg.

Maths

We have been continuing our focus on accurate counting skills and working with larger numbers. We have been exploring strategies we can employ to count large groups of objects both moveable and non-moveable.

We supported Sally the sheep in her efforts to ensure every child received a wooden egg this week. The children had some egg-cellent advice including making sure she says the correct number names in their correct order, making sure she counts each child only once and encouraging children to stand up once they have been counted. They then suggested that she ensures there are the same number of eggs as children to be certain that each are in receipt of an egg.

Other things we have learned

We've finished our topic on Kings and Queens and we've headed to the farm! We have enjoyed learning about different animals we will find on the farm as well as pairing young animals to their adult counterparts.

Our role play has transformed from a castle to a farm shop and we are loving sorting fruits and vegetables, weighing produce and writing lists and labels for items for sale. We are very much looking forward to our trip to the farm later this term and are counting down the days!

In art we explored the works of Vincent Van Gogh and created our own version of his famous sunflower picture using oil pastels. We enjoyed experimenting with warm colours and talked about how these colours made us feel.

Our Muscle Kitchen continues to be incredibly popular amongst the Foundation children who this week have been snipping, crushing, grinding, mashing and stripping dandelions to make dandelion soup and potions. It's really wonderful to see the development of both big and small muscles whilst engaging in these activities as well as the language and social skills being honed.

A warm welcome to Mrs Patel who joined our Foundation family this week. What a first week for her as we had some special visitors who spent time in Foundation engaging with our children and finding out what it's like to attend St. Luke's. Your children were fabulous as always and demonstrated what a wonderful place it is to be. Thank you to parents for sharing your views as well!

