

Animal sounds and movements

Use google to find pictures of different farm animals. Name the animal and see if your child can mimic the animal sounds and movement. The neighbours will think that you have a whole farmyard in your home!

Physical Development / Letters and Sounds: Voice Sounds



Links:

Mr Tumble Out and About Farmyard

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cU3I37ZJHv4>

Cbeebies farm games and activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/down-on-the-farm>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/down-on-the-farm-animal-sounds-quiz> - Link to a Down on the Farm – Sounds on the Farm quiz.

Find the Animal

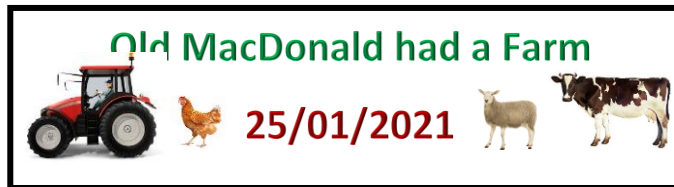
Do you have any farm animal teddies, toys or picture books? You could go on a hunt around the house. Challenge children to find an animal with a named feature e.g. I wonder how many animals we can find with a tail / with four legs / with feathers?

Communication and Language: Understanding

Animal Masks

Can you use a cereal box to make your own farm animal mask. You can cut out the eyes and mouth and use pens, crayons or pencils to colour and decorate your mask.

Physical Development / Creative Development



Bake animal biscuits

Make some animal biscuits together. Talk about where the ingredients have come from. You could use different shaped cutters or if you are really clever – cut out animal shapes! As you decorate them, talk about the colours you are using, discuss the features of the animals (*i.e. how many eyes does the 'cow' have? Where are the ears?*). Sing the rhyme as you eat your tasty treat!

Communication and Language / Mathematics

Make you own farm

Can you find things in your home to make your own farm? You could use building blocks or Lego to make a small farm, or boxes, cushions or even tables and chairs to make a big farm. You could even make an animal pen big enough for an adult to live in?

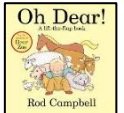
Understanding the World / Creative Development

Read a story together

Here are a few suggestions of farm-based stories that you might like to read with your child. Don't worry if you do not have a copy of the book, you could look it up on Google to find an online version or you could download it from Plymouth Library Services: Online Library

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries>

- Oh Dear by Rod Campbell
- Buster's Farm by Rod Campbell
- What the Ladybird Leard by Julia Donaldson
- The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
- Pig in the Pond by Martin Waddell
- Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell



Farm animal puppets

Make some hand puppets using socks or draw/print out farm animal pictures and fix onto sticks. Use them while you sing along to the rhyme or see if you can make up your own story using the puppets.

Literacy / Creative Development

Describing Game

Gather some of your toy animals or pictures of animals and put them on a tray. Take in turns to pick an animal from a tray but don't let the other person see it. Can you describe it without telling them what it is? It has 2 legs; it lays eggs etc.

Communication and Language

This week in nursery...

Ask me about ...

Farm animals



Sign of the week ...

Pig



Story of the week ...

a lift-the-flap book

Oh Dear!



Rod Campbell

Nursery rhyme of the week ...



Talking Tip: Remember to follow your child's lead and model back what they say. This shows the child that you have listened to them and you understand and are interested in what they are saying.