

Maths

- Count animals in the farmers fields
- Add and subtract crops being grown
- Identify how many 3D shapes you see on the farm
- Use part whole models to sort animals and crops for the farmer
- Discuss 'one more' and 'one less' when using farm animals
- Play number recognition games with farm animals
- Explore number bonds to ten using farm animals

Reception: Theme Activity Grid Life on a Farm



Personal, Social & Emotional Dev't

- Discuss the impacts of positive and negative behaviour on each other.
- Play listening and turn taking games to encourage patience.
- Explore different emotions.
- Children to talk about what a good farmer is and what a bad farmer is. Can they talk about the differences?
- Explore the impact behaviour can have on others e.g. if the farmer was too tired and didn't feed the animals, what would happen?
- Give children situations where they need to resolve a problem e.g. it is really sunny today, so what does the farmer need to do to look after his farm?

Literacy

- Read lots of farm related stories to the children, along with nursery rhymes and poems.
- Act out stories to grown-ups at home.
- Story sequencing of familiar farm stories
- Labelling the farm
- Exploring the different noises the farm animals make and writing down the names of the animals
- Rhyming games linked to farm life
- If growing own vegetables at home can the children write a step by step guide of what they did
- Write about a farm scene, what animals do they see? What crops are there?

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- Explore Easter; looking at the Easter story and discuss what happened.
- Children to design their own Easter eggs and stained glass window cross.

Communication and Language

- Encouraging description as much as possible through using lots of vocabulary (word mats on Twinkl)
- Play lots of games to promote description using farmyard toys and activities.
- Discuss potential language and look it to physical development where possible e.g. the sheep is under the table.
- Do a daily weather report, asking the children if this weather will help the farmer crop grow.

Understanding the World

- Investigate the farms that grow crops and the farms that rear animals.
- Explore the different types of crops grown.
- Grow your own vegetables and monitor the progress.
- Look at different farm animals and explore their life cycles.
- Find out what all the baby animals are called.
- Make your own vegetable soup.
- Look at farms around the world and how they differ.
- Can you track a year in the life of a farm, what will the farm look like in each seasons? What are the changes?

Expressive Art & Design

- Set up a Farm shop at home & sell farm produce to your grown up. Explore how much they cost.
- Using boxes & items around the house, build your own farm and it's buildings.
- Set up a small farm with animals and allow children to set up some narratives to their play.
- Explore how different animal prints are made & have a go creating their own.
- Make a TV box and encourage children to give daily weather reports to the family, starting a discussion how farmers need certain weathers to help their crops grow.
- Make your own animals using different crafts and materials.
- Sing farmyard songs and make your own instruments. Create animal sounds with these.

Physical Development

- Play lots of farm related games to work on physical development.
- Move like different animals on the farm.
- Can the children get dressed up as farmers using buttons and zips, encourage the children to do these themselves and work on their fine motor skills.
- Make playdough and use pegs to enhance fine motor skills as will cutting and pencil control activities.
- Set up welly throwing contests and sheep dog trails in the garden.
- Encourage the children to set up an obstacle course in the garden and see if they can guide siblings or grown ups around it blindfolded using their positional language.