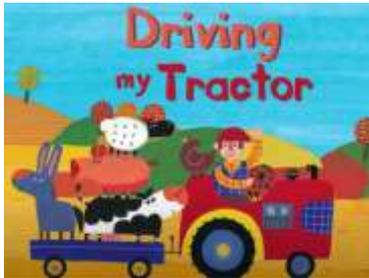


Hello parents / carers.

I hope you are all well and you are enjoying the weather.

We will continue with the topic 'The Farm.'

***This week the book is***



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lj\\_odhwo81s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lj_odhwo81s)

 pig	 in	 bath	 on farm

[You can draw the template out to help form sentences \( use the correct colours\)](#)

[What animals are in the story?](#)  
[What sound does the cow make?](#)  
[What sound Does the donkey make?](#)  
[What is in the trailer?](#)  
[Who is driving the trailer?](#)  
[How many lambs are there?](#)  
[What did the trailer hit?](#)  
[What did the animals do?](#)  
[What happened at the farm?](#)  
[Who was waiting?](#)

**English**

Continue to read daily.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Oxford Owl has a large collection of free eBooks that your children can read (free registration is required).

### Writing and handwriting practice

Write what you have been doing at the weekend practice letter formation. Finger spaces between words and listen to the stories we have included and write about the story.

NOTE TO PARENTS before any handwriting play **some fun activities to warm up the fingers:**

Fine motor activities – to encourage handwriting

1. Cut a slot into the soft plastic lid. Cover them in paper and numbered them 1-5 That's it! – You can be as creative as you like!



### Fine Motor Skills Cutting Tray

#### TRAY CONTENTS

**cutting implements:** scissors shaped hole punchers- star and heart

patterned edge scissors, ticket puncher / hole punch



#### Things to be “snipped”!

curling ribbon

orange peel (this smelt gorgeous and could be torn too- amazing sensory experience)

long strips of coloured card

pieces of old art work (my own!)

Coloured cardboard tubes

string beads (A-mazing for snipping!)  
real leaves collected on a walk



Make a super fun building blocks name game for children of all ages to help learn their names! So easy to create as a resource for home or the classroom and plenty of fine motor, gross motor and thinking skills involved as they learn through play.

### **Music story book:**

#### **Farm animals and sounds**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2C4opZmNG0>

#### **Questions**

What people were in the story?

What animals were in the story?

What was left at the end of the story?

#### **Farm facts**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8M8siMgbVkA>

### **Maths:**

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-explore-capacity-through-play>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-be-able-to-find-bigger-and-smaller-containers>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-develop-a-concept-of-full-half-full-and-empty>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-be-able-to-use-a-non-standard-unit-of-measure-to-count-how-many-cups->

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-make-a-direct-comparison-of-the-capacity-of-two-containers-with-suppo>

More useful links: National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics You need to create a login but then search for Learning Maths Outside the Classroom

<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/resources/>

#### **Farming Counts Maths activities from LEAF Education**

Look around outside and in to see how many shapes you can find

<https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/storage/resource/downloads/afdb1ec7-7bfe-44ce-9963-bd7572d4cb80/original/a-collection-of-shapes.pdf>

### **1. Twister**

Twister is fun, encourages flexibility and balance, and is perfect for a rainy day or if you do not have an outdoor space available right now.

### **2. Dance + freeze**

Adding a "freeze" element to a living room dance party makes it more fun for kids while also encouraging them to practice their balance.

### **3. Yoga**

Practicing yoga together is a great way to challenge balance and coordination while also getting some much needed zen time as a family.

### **4. Beanbag toss**

This super simple activity is great for kids of all different ages and abilities as you can easily make it more or less challenging. Set up two baskets, one full of beanbags or soft balls. Your child can practice throwing a beanbag from one basket to another to work on coordination. Move the baskets further apart as they get the hang of it.

### **5. Jump rope**

Jump rope is the perfect indoor PE activity because it uses up so much energy, requires very little space and is excellent practice for coordination.

### **Outdoor movement ideas for kids**

If you have outdoor space available, encourage your child to get out there and play as much as possible. Free play is excellent physical activity—and if you play alongside your child, you just may get some much-needed endorphins. Kick a ball around the yard together, play catch or blow up that inflatable pool to splash around in as soon as it is warm enough.

Here are a few specific activities to try if your kid needs some inspiration to get out there, or if you want to work with them on gross motor skills.

#### **1. Hopscotch**

Hopscotch is excellent for helping kids improve balance and coordination because of all of the rapid changes in movement required. Get out the sidewalk chalk, set up hopscotch on your patio or driveway, and hop along with each other.

#### **2. Obstacle course**

Enlist your child's help in setting up an obstacle course in the backyard. Get creative with what you have available to make it fun and challenging. Use garden stones or an old 2x4 to create a balance beam, mark a pathway for them to run or ride their bike on, set up a big bucket for them to throw a ball in.

If you do not have an outdoor space, you can still turn a playroom, garage, basement, or even your kid's bedroom into an obstacle course. Set up different stations like pillows for

them to jump over, a row of chairs for them to crawl under, or a line made from painter's tape on the floor for them to walk or run on while balancing a beanbag on their head.

### **3. Foursquare**

Sometimes the simple, time-tested games are the best! Draw numbered squares on your driveway and challenge each other to bounce the ball to a family member standing in whatever number square you call out. (You *do* need four people for a traditional foursquare game, but if you have fewer than four people in your household, you can create a simple variation by drawing a triangle or a rectangle with fewer spots.)

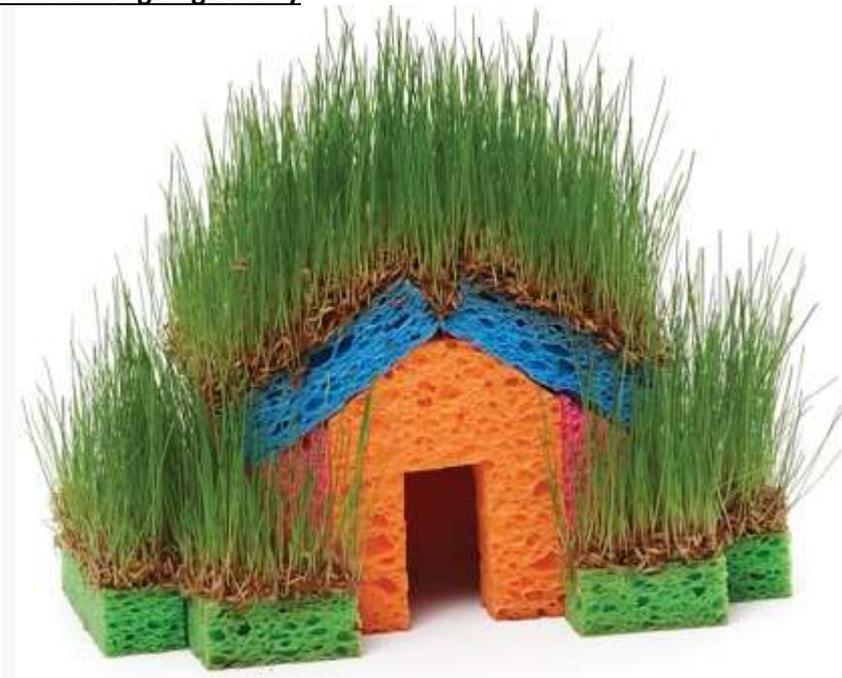
### **4. Follow the leader**

Line up single file and let each family member take turns being the "leader." The leader decides how the group will move around the backyard. Think crawling around the perimeter, walking backwards (carefully), hopping on one foot, going down the slide if you have one.

### **5. Red light green light**

Ask your kids to stand along the fence in the backyard. Stand across the yard from them. When you call "Green Light!" they can advance toward you and when you call "Red Light!" they stop. Change up the type of movement they use, from jumping to tiptoeing, and make sure to switch roles so they get a chance to lead too.

### **Creative and an ongoing activity**



### **What you'll need**

4 new standard kitchen sponges (approximately 4 1/2 by 3 inches) in orange, green, blue, and pink

Ruler

Permanent marker

Scissors with a pointed tip

Large plastic food-storage container Spray bottle

1/2 cup of grass seed, preferably one labelled "fast-growing"

Sewing pins (optional)

### **How to make it**

To create a good growing surface, rinse the new sponges by holding them under running water and squeezing a few times. Let the sponges dry slightly.

Using the ruler and permanent marker, draw the wall and yard shapes as shown.

Cut out the shapes. For the roof, insert the scissors through the side of the blue sponge and cut along the centreline to create the hinge, being careful not to sever the 2 pieces completely. (If you do sever them, do not worry. You can use sewing pins to attach the roof pieces to the walls.)

Inside the upturned lid of the plastic container, assemble the house.

Spray, but do not soak, the house with water. Then sprinkle a generous layer of grass seed evenly over the roof and the yard. If any seeds roll off the roof, pick them up with dry hands and patch the bare spots. Finally, very lightly spray water over the seeds with an upward spray motion.

Keep the house moist, warm, well lit, and covered until the grass is growing well, about two weeks. To prevent mould, leave the plastic cover slightly ajar or poke a few holes in the top. When your grass looks as though it could use a mowing, you can remove the cover. With regular watering, your house can grow for several weeks.

### **Science**

This experiment teaches kids about weather and lets them learn how clouds form by making their own rain cloud. **This is definitely a science project that requires adult supervision since it uses boiling water as one of the ingredients**, but once you pour the water into a glass jar, the experiment is fast and easy, and you will be rewarded with a little cloud forming in the jar due to condensation.

- **Materials Needed**

- Glass jar with a lid
- Boiling water
- Aerosol hairspray
- Ice cubes

- Food colouring (optional)

### Instructions

1. Pour 1 cup of hot boiling water into a glass jar. Helpful Tip: Use food colouring to dye the water blue before pouring it into the jar. This is not required, but does help distinguish the cloud from the water. In addition, it makes the water look like the sky.
2. Quickly spray hairspray into the jar.
3. Immediately put the lid onto the jar. Helpful Tip: This step must be performed quickly, so have the lid handy. It also helps to have multiple people doing the experiment. One to spray the hairspray and one to put on the lid.
4. Place a 3-5 pieces of ice on top of the lid of the jar.
5. Watch the top of the jar carefully and you will see a cloud begin to form.
6. After observing the cloud in the jar, remove the lid and watch the cloud escape out of the jar.

### Free Daily Resources For Children



#### PE with Joe Wicks On YouTube

Week days at 9am but you can visit any time on youtube to view the workout.



#### Wildlife With with Steve Backshall On Facebook

Every day at 9:30am for answering all your wildlife, biology, conservation, geography and exploration questions.



#### Science with Maddie Moate on YouTube

Weekdays 11am, Maddie & Greg chat about science and nature!



#### Dance with Oti Mabuse On Facebook

Every day at 11:30am but children can view the class at any time.



#### Maths With Carol Vorderman

Free access to the her maths website:  
[www.themathsfactor.com](http://www.themathsfactor.com)



#### Music with Myleene Klass on YouTube

Twice a week. Next one Friday 27 March 10am, but can view any time.



#### Storytime With David Walliams

Free story everyday at 11am on his website:  
[www.worldofdavidwalliams.com](http://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com)

Thank you for your support

Kind regards

*Ms Vincent & Mr Dowling*