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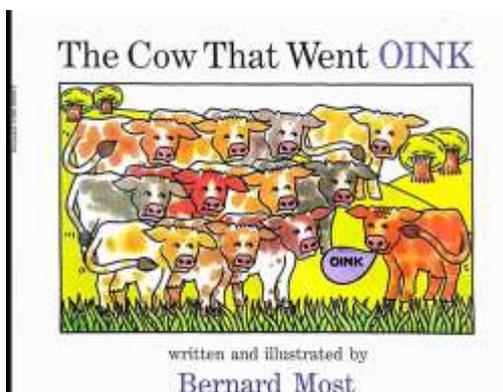
We hope you are well?

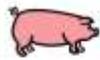
We are almost at the end of the school year! It has been a very different year for everyone. I hope you are enjoying the activities and that you have had fun along the way.

I hope you enjoyed last weeks home pack and that you took part in the **Wellbeing** activities.

We will continue with the topic **'The Farm.'**

This week the book is



 pig	 in	 bath	 on farm

[You can draw the template out to help form sentences \(use the correct colours\)](#)
[What sound did the Cow make?](#)
[What sound did the Pig make?](#)
[Can you make some of the animal sounds?](#)
[What was the Cows idea?](#)
[What happened?](#)

Water Play

Fill a cup about a quarter full of water. Give your child an empty cup and an eyedropper or a clean medicine syringe. Have your child try to transfer the water from one cup to the other by drawing the water into the dropper or syringe and then dropping or squirting it into the empty cup. You could also give your child more cups, add food colouring to the water, and make this a colour-mixing experiment.

Gardening and Planting

Digging and gardening may seem like activities more suited to building gross motor skills, but there are parts of it that require smaller muscle control, too. For instance, transferring seedlings into a garden requires hand-eye coordination skills to safely carry the smaller plant to the new hole. Your child will also need to be able to grasp a trowel to dig and to use a pincer grasp when picking up seeds to plant.

Music

We like staying active to Gonoodle songs in class:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQ9q4U2P3ig>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Imhi98dHa5w>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbPGvZDNoY0>

Maths:

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>

Creative outdoor activity

Here's a link to make a bird feeder at

home: <https://www.craftcreatecook.com/birdhouse-crafts-kids/>

Science:

Rainbow collectors

About this activity In this activity, children will celebrate the diversity of our environment and will create a rainbow of the colours that they can see around them. Kit list Colour-collecting palettes – ideally one between two Coloured pens (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) Double-sided tape Use a long white strip of paper divided up into 6 sections to represent a simple rainbow.

Instructions:

Mark each section of the white paper strips with a coloured dot (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) or you could let children do this after their discussion. Alternatively, you can give each group a plate-sized circle of just one of these colours so that they focus on one colour. You need to cover the palette with small pieces of double-sided tape. This is where they are going to stick their rainbow samples.

1 Choose somewhere for children to look for colour. The activity can take place in any location - ideally outside. It does not need a flower filled garden or to be out in the community.

2 This activity helps children to be more aware of colour in their natural environment. Ultimately the activity should focus on natural materials, such as plants, but you can choose to let them add other materials to their palette as well.

3 next you will need colour-collecting palettes

4 Tell the children about going to look for the rainbow. Make it sound like an exciting adventure.

5 Show them examples of the things to collect e.g. bits of flowers and leaves.

6 When they return, they can share what they have found and create a rainbow by putting their palettes together. These can then be put on display. Think and talk about Have you seen a rainbow? Which colours did you see? Do you think that you can find all the colours of the rainbow?.

18 ways to enjoy the outdoors (even if it's from your balcony or window

1. Make your own binoculars

If your little one is going to look closely at the outdoors, they need something to do it with! Collect cardboard tube inners, attach with sticky tape and ta-dah... their very own DIY binoculars. Encourage your child to get spotting through their 'lenses' and talk about what they can see.

2. Play weather bingo

Make a list of common weather conditions like windy, rainy, sunshine, cloudy, cold and frosty. Look outside every day and tick off what's happening. Add extra interest by making a list of other things your little ones could spot like birds, chimney, aerial and car. They could also draw a daily picture of the weather, so you can create a weather diary during the lockdown.

3. Have a game of skittles

Brilliant for your toddler's coordination and communication skills. To create your own skittles set, simply use rolled-up socks as a ball, and empty bottles or toilet roll tubes as the skittles. Play inside or out, and ask your little one to describe what they are doing as the action happens.

Use household objects like empty bottles or milk cartons for your skittles.

4. Listen for sounds

Because there's less traffic around and fewer planes overhead, sounds like birdsong seem even louder at the moment. Listen from your window or on a walk, then name and talk about the sounds you and your child can hear – it's a great way for babies and older children to develop their listening skills and learn new words.

5. Try some cloud spotting

A great way to relax, as well as to learn. Spend some time looking at the cloud shapes and chatting about what you think they look like. You could even make up a story about the things you see. If you want to learn more about clouds, check out BBC Weather Watchers.

6. Create a nature collection

If you have a garden or can get out to a local green space, this activity is a great way for older children to explore nature and learn new words at the same time. Following guidance about what's safe, pick some natural items like twigs and leaves that your little one can touch and describe. To make it even safer or if you can't get out, collect any natural items you have around the house or use pictures to build a visual collection.

Spend time talking about each item in your collection.

7. Make and fly paper planes

Spend time making paper planes together and then see who can fly their plane the furthest. Lots of fun for the whole family, plus you're building your child's communication and turn-taking skills at the same time.

8. Have a toy picnic

Toddlers love teddy picnics and tea parties and they're a great way to practice role play and boost communication skills. Get everyone in your house involved – and you could even invite friends and family to join remotely on a video chat.

9. Try messy play

Messy play with your toddler using soil and leftover spaghetti (or try pieces of string) helps build their imagination and vocabulary. With some newspaper or plastic on your floor and using sauce or jelly instead of soil, it can be a great indoor activity too. While they enjoy getting messy, chat to your child about what it feels like.

One easy idea for messy play is to mix cooked spaghetti with soil or mud.

10. Look after easy-to-grow plants

Even if you're limited to a windowsill (just remember to pick a sunny one), growing plants, seeing them grow and talking about it is a great learning opportunity for your little one. It also feels like a really positive thing to do. You could try tomatoes, sunflowers or for a really easy growing project, cress heads.

11. Play I spy

An oldie but a goody for children (and adults) of all ages and perfect for window gazers or as an activity to try on a video calls with a loved one. Guess things based on their colour, shape and if your child is a bit older, the letter they start with. Great for boosting your little one's confidence in using new words.

12. Get creative with pebble art

Painting or felt-tip penning pictures on stones is great fun: you can then hide them around the garden, yard or even indoors. You could even make story stones: draw pictures of key characters with felt pen or paint on the stones and then use them to retell a story.

Try doing some arty activities together inspired by the great outdoors.

13. Experience wildlife... virtually

If you can't get outside to look at wildlife, how about watching it from your mobile? Lots of zoos including Chester, London, Edinburgh and Dublin are broadcasting their animals to the world. Seeing some exotic animals onscreen should inspire some chat and maybe some artwork too.

14. Learn through laundry

Yes, that's right: sorting laundry outside together is great opportunity to boost your little one's vocabulary and helps them make connections. Name each item of clothing as you unpeg it and give your child simple instructions, like 'pair up two socks' or 'put daddy's clothes in a basket'.

15. Play memory games

Looking out of your window is the perfect time to test out your and your little one's memory skills. Start by naming one thing you can see out of the window, then building up a list that you both have to remember. A great activity if you're lucky enough to get out for a walk too.

You could point out certain buildings or landmarks outside or from your window.

17. Build a den

If you can't get outside, you can always pretend. Try building a den with your little one and imagine that you're in the middle of a forest, or on a safari. It's a great opportunity to practise your animal noises.

18. Hide and seek

Playing hide and seek is a great mood booster and can help your child follow simple instructions. It's easy to do indoors, as well as outdoors. Take turns using toys or you could try hiding yourself.

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



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

Thank you for your support

Kind regards

Ms Vincent & Mr Dowling