

### Week Beginning 20th April

I hope the Buttercup Class children are keeping safe and are well! It must be extremely difficult to maintain a routine at this time and I'm sure you have implemented your own systems, but by limiting activities to a maximum of 5 minutes for each task, learning can still take place. Repeating activities is fine and this is how our children learn!

This term, the topic we should have started was 'The Farm.'

On a weekly basis I will send a link to a book/interactive story based on the topic 'The Farm.' In addition to this, some suggested activities will be included.

This week our story is:

Old Macdonald had a farm (Youtube / Search – Super Simple -Old Macdonald had a farm)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HzoUcx3eo>



Also: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/my-pet-and-me-old-mac-donald>

Lots of learning can take place with the introduction of the:

- pig
- duck
- cow
- turkey
- horse
- sheep
- Old Macdonald
- farm

Suggestions for activities this week:

- Make the same noises as the animals and encourage the children to copy and watch you.
- Use musical instruments (or use saucepans and utensils, rice in a bottle) and experiment with sound whilst listening to the song.
- Hide and Seek with the same animals if you have them (hide them in a sensory tray of shredded paper, rice, pasta etc)
- Matching activity using flashcards of the animals.
- If you have any plastic farm animals (or paintbrushes, pens etc) use them for printing, making marks etc using paint/sensory objects.
- Basic counting - counting the feet /wings etc together.
- Craft activities using resources around the house to make the animals: playdough, paper, cotton wool, paint, paper plates. Playdough can be made with flour, water, salt and food colouring.)
- Make a sensory tray farm (using soil/grass/ leaves/lolly sticks) and small world farm characters and tractors.

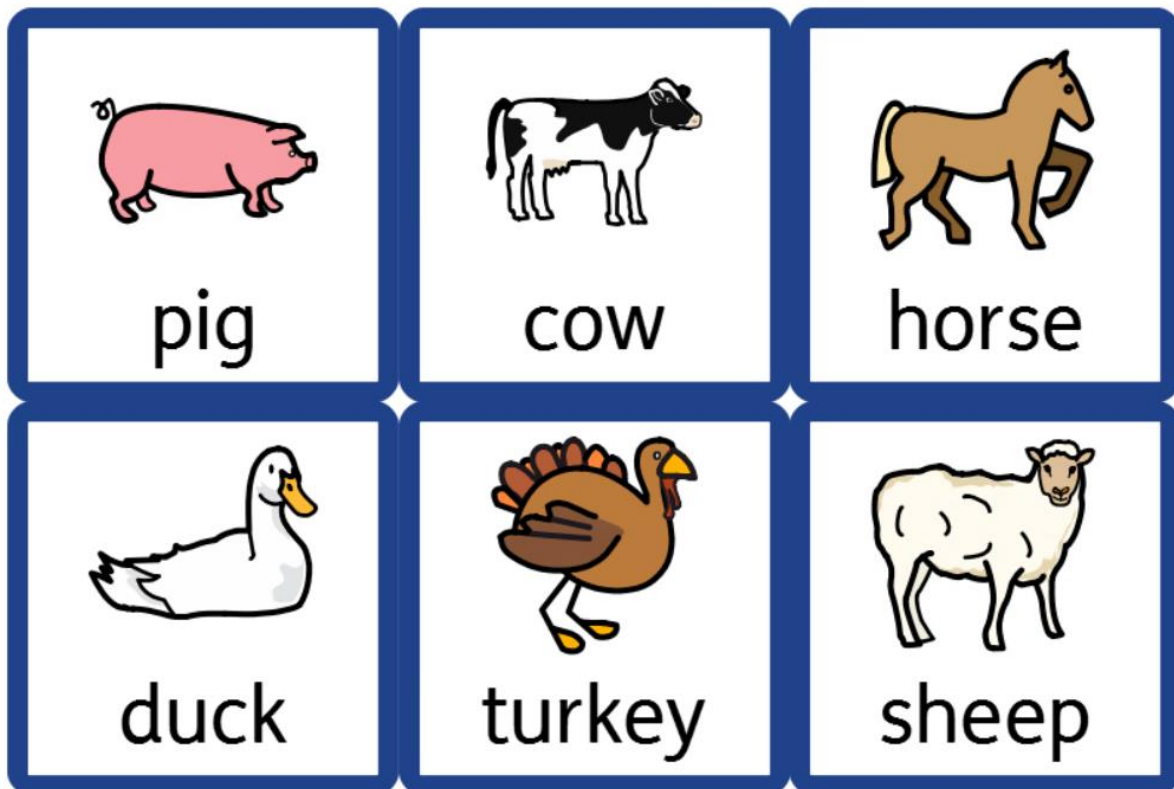
- Make muddy pig pictures using : sandwich bag, cocoa powder, glue and a paper template of a pig.
- Collect natural resources during a nature walk to make a farm.
- Mark making using cling film or a sandwich bag with brown paint or cocoa powder and water mixture.

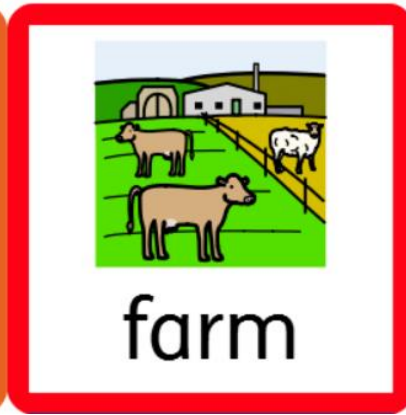
Please remember to look at some of the other suggestions on our home learning section as they are crucial for your child's development. A good suggestion would be for a sensory circuit to be completed twice daily before attempting an activity that requires concentration.

Many thanks,  
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Resources and other suggestions:

Flashcards-





Sensory Play-



Craft ideas-



Mark making ideas-

