

Hello parents / carers.

Hope you are all managing as best you can under the circumstances, with a little more freedom and nice weather it helps,

It's been good catching up with you weekly and hearing the progress everyone is making and if you require any more help or advice please just ask

You should have all now received your home packs which include seeds, plant what you can and share with friends and family, it will be good to see our results.

Following on from the work set last week we will continue with the topic **'The Farm.'**

This weeks book is Mrs Wishy Washy's Farm By Joy Cowley

Cow, Pig, and Duck are playing in the mud, when along comes Mrs. Wishy-Washy. "Oh lovely mud," think the three friends. But Mrs. Wishy-Washy says, "Just LOOK at you!" and washes them clean: wishy-washy, wishy-washy. But what do you think happens the moment Mrs. Wishy-Washy turns her back on this mud-loving trio?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cizS3vyV8ks>

Farmyard Hullabaloo!

The rooster wakes the farm up with a cock-a-doodle-doo! The sheepdog won't stop barking, and the cows begin to moo.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyq5LhI30Sw>

The pig in the pond.

Martin Waddell tells the story of Neligan's pig – who's feeling very hot and bothered! It's one of the most sizzling days of the summer, and the pig sits by the pond watching the ducks and geese playing on the cool water. The pig gets warmer and warmer, the ducks and the geese get louder and louder. Neligan's pig *knows* that pigs don't swim – but she just has to take a dive! And she's not the only one on the farm who's sweltering...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsB6t8E_Lao

Click, Clack, Moo cows that type.

Farmer Brown has a problem. His cows like to type. All day long he hears Click, clack, moo. Click, clack, moo. Clickety, clack, moo. But the problems really begin when the cows start leaving Farmer Brown notes. First it was electric blankets... where will it end? And when the animals don't get what they want

they go on strike, of course! Doreen Cronin's unusual text and Betsy Lewin's quirky illustrations make this a hilarious story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYD8WRJTFRY>

Farmer Duck

A lazy and fat farmer spends all day in bed, eating chocolates and reading the newspaper, while his poor duck has to do all the work on the farm. One evening, the exhausted duck collapses in tears, to be comforted by chickens. The farm animals are very fond of the duck, and outraged by the farmer's behaviour, so they hatch a plan.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gug6P8l1q6c>

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).

Also use the: **Reading planning for 5 weeks document** - Daily activities linked to books by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

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

PENNY TRANSLATION

“Translation” is ability to move an object that is in the palm of your hand, to your fingertips of the same hand, using just finger movements. Translation involves finger isolation and finger coordination skills, and so is a great warm up to handwriting. I like using a penny, but any small item will work – like a button, paperclip, bobby pin, pen cap, erasertop or marble. Motivate kids by timing how long it takes them to get the object to their fingertips, or who can move the smallest object the fastest.



PENNY SHUFFLE BOARD

Penny Shuffle Board is a quick follow up to Penny Translation. The activity is simple. Two people stand on either side of a desk or table. Using their thumb and index finger or middle finger, they must “flick” the penny

Fine Motor Warm Up Exercises For Handwriting | Composed By Amanda

Atkinson MS; OTR/L 2 in order to make it slide to the other side of the table. Each player only gets 5 flicks. The goal is to get it as close to the edge as possible in those 5 flicks without going over the edge.



SPIDER PUSH UPS

Spider push-ups involve moving the fingers together in a coordinated way. Put one hand, palm up, on your desk. Place the other hand, palm down, on top of it. With your fingertips touching the “matching” fingertip of the other hand, bring the fingers together. Then bring the fingers back down to the original position. Perform exercise in reps of 10-20.



Reader and comprehension

What happened in this weeks story?

What did the cow, the pig and the duck say?

Where do they go?

What happened next?

Can you copy any of the text from the book, remember capital and finger spaces

read and find

Short



- cat
- man
- ham
- cab
- fan
- jam
- nap
- tag
- mat
- bag

Music story book:

Farm facts

Feeding farm animals

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

Farm animals and sounds

Noises and counting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsbZ-1VmNvw>

Barefoot books (we watch a song to end each day, calming)

Walking through the jungle

https://www.google.com/search?sa=X&rlz=1CAALIR_enGB890&biw=1188&bih=549&q=barefoot+books+walking+through+the+jungle&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAAONgFuLVT9c3NEypSDYoMDQrV4Jw080KDONNck20JIJSk_OLUjLz0p1zSotLUouCM1NSyxMrixexaiYIFqWm5eeXKCTI52cXK5Qn5mQD1SmUZBTll6ZnAOIUhazSvPSc1B2sjACxLH09aQAAAA&ved=2ahUKEwivi6zbkLjAhUKAcAKHRLZDicQri4wHnoECA4QJg

The whole world

https://www.google.com/search?sa=X&rlz=1CAALIR_enGB890&biw=1188&bih=549&q=barefoot+books+whole+world&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAAONgFuLVT9c3NEypSDYoMDQrV4Jw04oM8oqMkq0JIJSk_OLUjLz0p1zSotLUouCM1NSyxMrixexSiUIFqWm5eeXKCTI52cXK5Rn5OekKpTnF-Wk7GBIBACmolgmWgAAAA&ved=2ahUKEwjr0b_vkLjAhWqQUEAHU-zDRkQri4wHXoECBUQNO

Farming

This week you will have already got your seed packs delivered, and you can now grow your own crops.

Use pots or containers from around the house, recycle plastic bottles, tin cans and you can use the newspaper pot if you made them in the previous week.

Even if you only have a small windowsill you can grow something

Below is details about your seeds

Can you find the names of the seeds by matching them to the pictures below or in your home pack?

French bean Amethyst

DESCRIPTION

[60 days] A compact, dwarf bean with slender pods that reach up to 15cm (6") long, Amethyst provides a bounty of purple, stringless beans over a long picking season. Delicious both raw and cooked, this variety seems to produce forever. Being a dwarf variety, they work well in both container gardens and raised beds, and with their mauve flowers and amethyst-coloured pods, they're honestly beautiful enough as an ornamental. Like all French beans, they freeze well, too.



AMETHYST DETAILS

DHeight: 60cm (24"). Spread: 30cm (12").

Sun	full
Average Germination Time	7-10 days
Sowing Method	pots
Days To Maturity	60 days

Runner bean Scarlet emperor

DESCRIPTION

Super early crop for a runner bean, an old variety produced long heavy runner beans plant in pots and cover with 1 ½ " soil, plant outside after frosts and use cane to support.



SCARLET EMPEROR DETAILS

Sun	part sun
Average Germination Time	7-14days
Sowing Method	pots
Maturity	12-14 weeks



You could also grow some seeds in a glass or plastic bottle with the top cut off, put cotton wool or kitchen towel inside and put 2 seeds in between, water well and keep moist, measure the seeds daily and keep a diary, draw a picture of your bean every day

Can you name the parts of the plant?

Radish French breakfast

DESCRIPTION

The French Breakfast radish has been around over 100 years and performs wonderfully in just about any cool weather conditions. In fact, it's hard to get it wrong with these superb little radishes. They germinate easily and watered adequately, do quite well in just about any soil. Their oblong roots are startlingly scarlet, tapering off to white at the ends, and the flesh is crisp and mildly spicy when young.

French Breakfast radishes are fantastic in salads or eaten raw with butter and salt. They're also great grilled or oven roasted, both of which bring out its subtly sweet, nutty flavour. They also make an attractive garnish. Grows best in cool weather and planted in a sunny location.

Sow seeds ½" deep



FRENCH BREAKFAST DETAILS

Sun	full
Average Germination Time	4-7days
Sowing Method	direct in ground
Days To Maturity	28 days

Pumpkin

Pumpkins are splendidly large, orange pumpkins that mature just in time for Halloween carving. Beautiful as decorations, they can also be eaten like any other pumpkin.

If you're looking to get really huge pumpkins, select just one or two of the first pumpkins on the vine (try to pick those with the best shape). Remove the others and any that form in the future. This will allow the plant to give all its energy to the 1-2 you select.

Sow seeds $\frac{3}{4}$ " deep



DETAILS

Sun	full
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Average Germination Time 7-10 days

Sowing Method pots

Days To Maturity 100 days

Sunflower

The tall single sunflower - a garden favorite for children and adults. Produces a large head great for feeding the birds once it's finished growing. Will reach a height of 3m in an average growing season (conditions and soil pending) sow seeds ½" deep



DETAILS

Sun full

Average Germination Time 7-10 days

Sowing Method pots

Days To Maturity 80 days

Beetroot Boltardy

Beetroot 'Boltardy' produces good yields of deep red, globe shaped roots with a superb sweet flavour. Not only does this long standing customer favourite offer perfect sweet roots for roasting, pickling and slicing for salads, the baby leaves can also be harvested through the season for salad use. Roots can be lifted at any time from June to October once they have reached 1" diameter or more.

Sow every two weeks from now through to mid July for a constant supply through the season. Height: 30cm (12"). Spread: 15cm (6").



Sun	partial
Average Germination Time	12-24 days
Sowing Method	direct in ground
Days To Maturity	60 days

Lettuce

A popular and versatile Butterhead variety suitable for sowing all year round and perfect for succession sowings. The heads are medium sized with solid crisp hearts, growing reliably from spring to late autumn even in hot dry periods.



Sun	full
Average Germination Time	7-14 days
Sowing Method	pots
Days To Maturity	50 days

Plant some or all, plant some each week, keep a note of what you have planted or a diary, draw a picture of how they grow, take a photo

Its your farm and you will need to look after it, i look forward to seeing your crop little farmer

I will grow some too and share my photos

Maths:

Sorting into size

Tip the seeds onto a plate, can you find the biggest? Can you put the seeds in order biggest to smallest?

Write the amount next to the names of the seeds

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>

PE

LOCK DOWN FITNESS

24 ideas for indoor activities

1. Headstands: A great activity for your core muscles and to get blood going to the brain. Kids are often natural.
2. Jump rope: If you have downstairs neighbors who complain, go in the hall or outside your building. For more fun, pick up a book of jump-rope rhymes.
3. Obstacle course: Create a furniture course in your apartment or take chalk and make a course outside. Add in specific mental or physical challenges to keep them guessing.
4. Wheelbarrow, crab, and bear-walk races: Holding one of these tough positions gives you a real workout.
5. Animal races: Hop like a bunny or frog; squat and waddle like a duck; and so on.
6. Balloon ball: There are endless ways to play with balloons indoors. Try to keep it off the ground or just play catch. Mix it up with balloon tennis!
7. Follow the leader: Add to the workout with energetic movements such as jumping, stomping, and squatting.
8. Dance party: Turn on the music and shake your groove *thang*.
9. Freeze dance: When the music stops, freeze in your pose and hold it until the music begins again.

10. Scavenger hunt: Write up clues and hide them around the apartment. Kids can race to find each clue for a small prize at the end.
11. Jumping jacks: Simple but good for coordination and they get your heart going. When my kids can't sleep, I have them do 25 to tire out.
12. Parachute: This kiddie gym standby can be re-created at home with sheets. Each kid takes an end of the parachute or sheet and fans it upward while one of you runs underneath.
13. Bubble wrap attack: If you get bubble wrap in the mail, jump on it until it's all popped.
14. Clean-up race: Set a timer or put on a song to see who can right the room the fastest.
15. Tickle tag: Chase your children. When you catch them, it's tickle time.
16. Temper tantrum: Have a fit for the fun of it. Flail, stomp, and scream.
17. Carnival: Set up carnival games such as "Knock Down the Milk Cartons" (we used Tupperware).
18. Hallway bowling: Fill up water bottles and use any ball you have.
19. Hopscotch: Use chalk or tape to make a game on your floor or outside your building.
20. Pillow fight: No explanation needed.
21. Sock skating: If you have hardwood floors, put on socks to skate around. Try spins or hockey stops, or see who can slide the farthest. Make sure to move the furniture and watch for splinters. My kids also like to up the speed factor with a couple of pieces of wax paper under each foot.
22. Bubble bashing: Blow bubbles and let your child try to smash them.
23. Wrestling: Put down a mat, or play on a rug or bed. See if your kids can wrestle you to the ground.
24. Pushover parents: Plant your feet and see if the kids can budge you. If you move your feet, they win. Stand on one foot to make it easier for little kids.

This is a yoga session for kids, Lily class have seen this lady before and like to join in
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

I've also left these
print and choose a card or name the activity for child to copy

**Peck like a
chicken**



**Gallop like
a horse**



**Roll like a
pig**



**Strut like a
rooster**



**Stomp like
a cow**



**Hop like a
bunny**



**Chase like
a dog**



**Pounce like
a cat**



- ✓ Master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching and begin to apply these in a range of activities.
- ✓ Develop balance, agility and coordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.
- ✓ Use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination.
- ✓ Develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

- ✓ Compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to
- achieve their personal best

Creative

Make a picture with any remaining seeds you dont want to plant

It could be a farm animal or a plant that grows on a farm

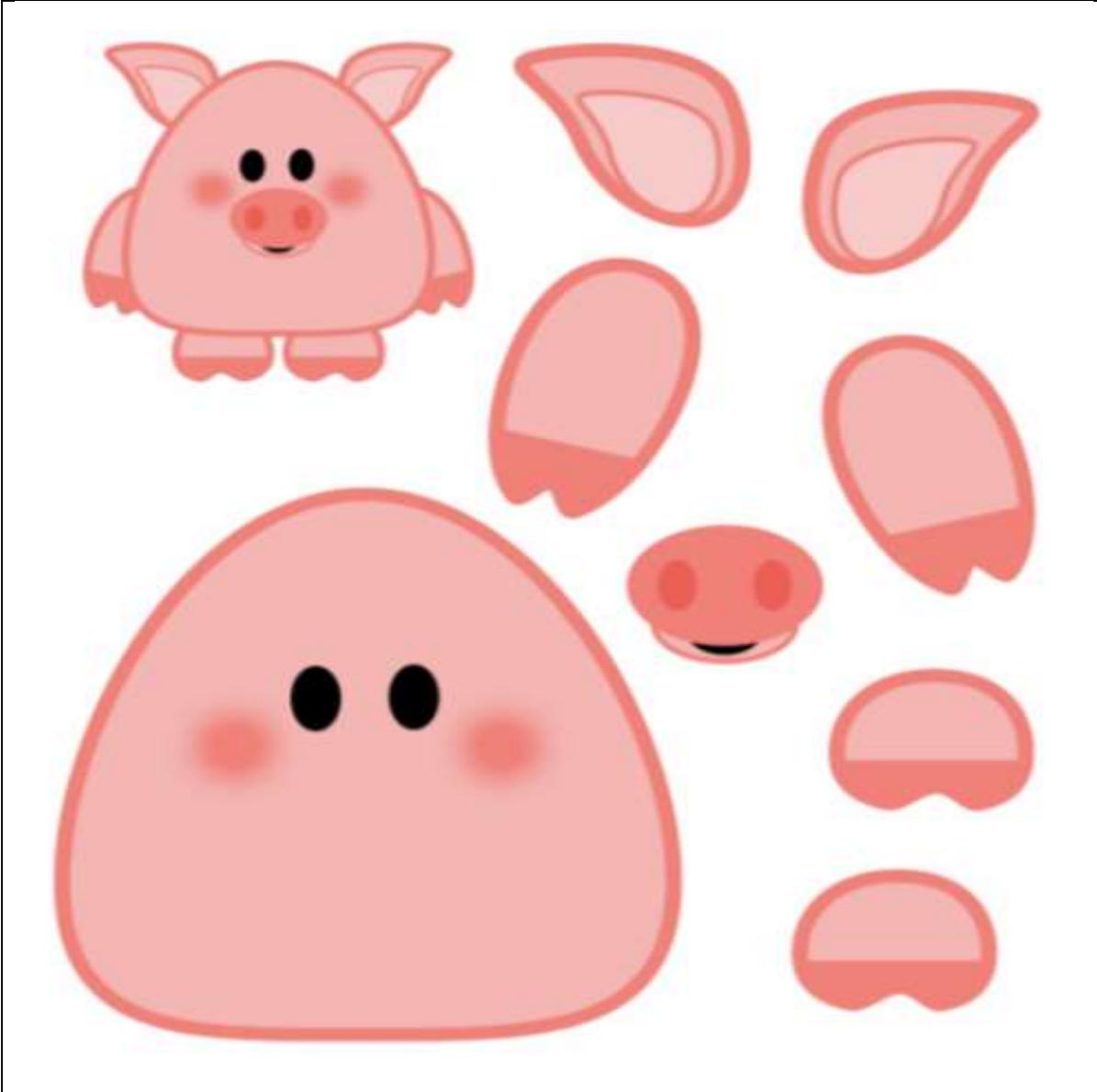




You can paint or colour your picture with felt tips

Make a Pig

Copy and paste on paper or card or draw out shapes on coloured paper



Science

Grow a bean

Follow instructions below, grow your bean and draw a picture when grown, can you name the parts of the plant?

Cut the top off a plastic bottle, fill half the bottle with cotton wool or kitchen towel, & then add a bean carefully place down one side of the bottle so you can clearly see it. Then add a little water, just enough to soak the cotton wool, & place the bottle on a sunny windowsill.

The plastic bottle planters are ideal size for narrow window sills, & if they get knocked over they won't smash.



After just 3 days the bean had started sprouting roots & the bean stem was starting to appear at the top.



Within 5-7 days the beans were shooting & the roots growing longer & thicker.



And by 10 days the tall beans were ready to plant outdoors.



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

