

Topic - Down on the Farm

Topic Songs-

A selection of farm themed songs and rhymes

<https://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/farm-songs.htm>

Learn the names of farm animals by listening to this fun song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUeSNpv5dd4>



Makaton

Learn Makaton signs and rhymes about farm animals with Mr Tumble and Friends

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-nursery-rhymes?collection=playlist-collection>

Practice farm animal Makaton signs with Singing Hands on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJvEwjK0ISQ>

Topic Poem - Spring

Listen to JB recite this lovely poem all about Spring!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/down-on-the-farm-spring-poem?collection=down-on-the-farm-poems>

Colour of the Week- Green



<https://www.learning4kids.net/2012/09/23/learning-colours-green/>

Letter of the Week- I

Write the letter on paper, in flour, shaving foam, with paint,

- Make the letter from play-doh
- Look for the letter around the home
- Look for things that start with the sound the letter makes,
- If you have magnetic letters play with those
- Make words starting with the letter
- Play I-spy
- Match uppercase and lowercase letters I-i

Jolly Phonics Song: Listen to the song and practice the action

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUODVQZfUK0>

Number of the Week- 7

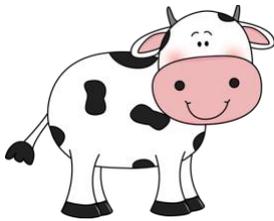
- Write the number
- Count items of that number e. g 7 farm animal toys
- Make collections of the number

- Find the number around the house
- Make the number out of play-doh or make 7 playdough farm animals e.g 7 sheep, 7 pigs.
- Talk about the number after and the number before

Storytime

Down on the Farm story read out loud on Youtube

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



Cookery- Strawberry Milkshake

You will need

- fresh strawberries
- strawberry ice cream
- vanilla extract
- sugar
- full fat milk

<https://www.whiskaffair.com/strawberry-milkshake-recipe/>



Art ideas

- Hand Printing - Spring Chickens

- Paper plate cow
- Pig craft - use pink card or paint card pink and add clothes pegs for legs



Tractor Painting - you will need:

- Toy tractors or other vehicles
- Brown paint
- Paper

Wheel your tractor through the paint and then make lots of tracks on the paper.



Music & Movement

Follow Mae Murray Foundation on Facebook they have lots of free virtual sessions including Jo Jingles, Fun with Drums, Laughter Yoga and Movers & Motivators. There is something for everyone: parents, carers, people of all ages and ability.

There are some simple Farm Animal exercises on a video on Youtube. If an adult models the exercises it will be easier for a child to copy.

Please follow the link below:-

<https://youtu.be/iHJ2fW3iJVE>

There is also some 3 Little Pig Cosmic Yoga, if you follow the link below: -

<https://youtu.be/Nac95KdNaZ0>

Life Skills Challenge-

Use a selection of brushes:

- Brush the floors / garden paths area.
- Brush teeth morning and night
- Brush your hair everyday
- Use a washing up brush when doing the dishes
- Use a nail brush when washing hands

Handwriting & Pre-writing skills

Follow MissJamieOT on Facebook for lots of ideas on how to improve fine motor, pre-writing and handwriting skills. She regularly posts games, videos and resources like the one below.

ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE PROPER PENCIL GRASP

An efficient pencil grasp allows a significant amount of finger movement and does not fatigue the muscles of the hands. The most common "efficient" grasp is called a tripod grasp. The index finger and thumb pinch the pencil and the pencil rests on the tip of the third finger. In order to develop an efficient grasp, children need to move their fingers in isolation, develop good shoulder and wrist stability, and strong hand muscles. The following activities support the development of an efficient pencil grasp.

Shoulder and Wrist Stability

- Weight-bearing into the arms by crawling, crab walking, yoga poses, donkey kicks
- Drawing and coloring on a vertical surface (chalkboard, wall, easel)
- Drawing and coloring on a clipboard on the floor
- Playing on a lego wall, magnetic wall, refrigerator magnets

Hand Strength

- Pegboard games and activities
- Bead stringing and lacing activities
- Squeeze water out of sponges
- Play with play dough, silly putty
- Knead cookie dough
- Use scissors to snip construction paper
- Make slime
- Connect pop-beads
- Games that involve tweezers or tongs

Developing the Arches of the Hands

- Weight-bearing into the hands during yoga or animal walks
- Rolling dice in the palm of the hand
- Making balls out of dough or putty
- Finger plays, itsy bitsy spider, making shadow puppets

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World Around Us-

Learn the names of farm animals and their babies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FC2qifJ5m4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENmcp1XGlnk>



photo: Crayon Box Chronicles

11. Make Your Own Small Farm World

Games to Play-

Pin the tail on the horse/cow/pig.... (Any farm animal with a tail)



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5. Duck, Duck, Goose!

This classic game is perfect for a farm-themed party. Set the kids in a circle, have one start by placing her hand on top of each player, saying "Duck, duck, duck," and when she's ready, say "Goose!" The person whose head she touched will get up and chase her. If she makes it back to the empty spot, she's safe. If not, she's in the mush pot. Continue on. [See our other favorite classic birthday](#)

Sensory Ideas -



photo: Kiddie Craft 365 Blog

12. Muddy Pig Painting

A farm-themed day wouldn't be complete without some muddy piggies, which is why we love this cute twist on fingerpainting. The kids will get a kick out of getting "muddy" too. Thanks to [Kiddie Crafts 365 Blog](#) for the idea!

Create a farm sensory tray using items found at home e.g cereal, stones, sticks, grass, soup mix, lentils and small animal figures.



Simple Fun for Kids



Make some edible mud using cocoa powder and cornflour. You can also add some crushed chocolate muffin for texture. Place farm animals into mud and have a separate bucket of water for kids to clean the animals.



Animal washing



Online Links

Watch 'Down on the Farm - Lambs and Seeds' on Cbeebies

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0798mln/down-on-the-farm-series-2-1-lambs-and-sowing-the-seeds>

Interactive games about farm animals:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=farm%20animals>

Explore number activities for counting and shapes using the link below

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/numeracy>