



Nursery - Summer Term 1 - Farming



Big Questions
What happens on a farm?
What does a farmer do?



Question		Ideas to think about
1	How can we find out about farms?	Encourage the children to share what they already know about farming. What would they like to find out about farms? Provide opportunities to browse through non fiction books looking for farm images.
2	What grows well on farms in our country?	Investigate pictures or examples of wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, sugar beets, fruits and vegetables. Link with our pea seedlings and think about what a plant needs to grow well.
3	Which animals are commonly found on UK farms?	Practice vocabulary such as cow, calf, sheep, lamb, chicken, chick, pig, piglet, goat, kid. Find out about what animals need to eat & drink, best places to live e.g. field & barn and other ways the farmer can ensure that the animals are happy and healthy
4	Why are there animals on a farm?	Using small world animals, set up sorting activities relating to: Sources of food such as meat, dairy products and eggs. Sources of clothing such as wool. Sources of manure. Some animals also help the farmer such as dogs and horses.
5	What is a farm shop?	Introduce the idea that items sold in a farm shop are normally grown, picked, reared or produced on local farms. Using real food items, packaging and play food encourage the children to 'stock up' the farm shop with suitable items.
6	What do tractors do on a farm?	Think about the many jobs that they do. They can push, pull, lift, turn, carry, move, adjust, fold or drag an object or tool - think about how some of these jobs would have been done in the past
7	When you are walking around your area, can you spot hay bales, tractors, lambs or calves?	

Sticky vocabulary	
farm	A piece of land used to grow crops and/or raise animals
crops	Plants that are grown in large amounts. Examples include wheat, potatoes, cotton and rice
barn	A large farm building used to store hay, grains or raise animals
harvest	To collect what has been planted and grown in the ground
bale	A large bundle or a package, for example, a bale of hay
sheep shearing	Cutting the wool off a sheep (usually once a year)
Combine Harvester	A machine that harvests, threshes and cleans grain plants
herding	Bringing animals together into a group

