

Nursery Maths Grid 11/5/20—Topic: All Creatures Great and Small, Old MacDonald had a farm!

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Number

Shape

Measures

Board Games and dice

Board games are a great way of getting some number work in while playing. When you are playing, work together to look at the dots on a dice, can they recognise the amount by the pattern of the dots rather than having to count them? Roll two dice to introduce simple addition. If you do n't have any dice at home, find an interactive one on the 'supporting documents'. You can change the amount of dice shown, to add two together.

Positional Language—Simon says

This theme was on the last grid too, but it is an area children can find tricky, so if you feel your child hasn't quite grasped positional language yet it would be a good idea to have another go. A fun way of seeing if they understand positional language is by using family members as props for a game of Simon says (or Mummy/Daddy says)!

Cooking—Pitta Pizzas

Have a go at making your own pizzas using pitta bread as the base! (but shhh don't tell Mrs McDonald...she likes to make everything from scratch!!). Spread tomato puree or sauce on, and add all your favourite toppings!

Number hunt

Objectives—shows an interest in numerals in the environment & Begins to represent numbers.

Write individual numbers on pieces of paper and place around the house or garden. We recommend 1-10, but if your child knows 11-20, then you could use those too. When your children has collected all the numbers (you could have a few of each to find) can they put the right amount of dots by each number?

E.g. "Mummy says, sit under the table" "Mummy says sit on the chair" "Daddy says go behind the sofa." If they seem to follow the instructions well, let them have a turn at giving the instructions for you to follow. List of words to use: On, on top, under, underneath, beside, next to, by, by the side of, behind, inside.

Capacity—pasta challenge

Get a selection of small containers, e.g. a cup, an egg cup, a lid, a mug. Can you guess how many pasta shapes you could fit in each one? In Reception, the children are introduced to estimating, or 'sensible guesses'. See how close to the actual answer you can get!



Shape Houses

Go and sit out the front of your house together, what shapes can you see? Do the other houses on the road have the same shapes? Draw your house together, get your child to instruct you on which shapes you need to draw and the sizes of them. E.g. the house might be a big square, and the windows little squares. Count how many of each shape your house has.



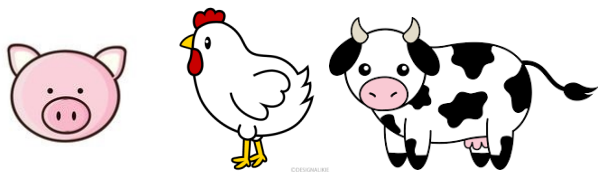
Nursery Reading and Writing Grid—Topic: All Creatures Great and Small, Old MacDonald had a farm!

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Reading

Farm Stories

As the theme for the next two weeks is all about farm animals, have a look at home for any stories with farm animals in. If you don't have any/many, there are lots of great examples online. See the 'supporting documents' page for online farm book suggestions!



Story Endings

One of the reading objectives we would be covering in Nursery, is to predict the ending to a story. So when you're sharing a story, see if your child can make any guesses (however bizarre they might be!) if it is a new story to them, they might need some hints, but if it is a story they already know they might hopefully remember the ending.

Old MacDonald had a farm

This fortnights song is "Old MacDonald had a farm" (Which can be changed nicely into 'Mrs McDonald had a farm'!!) Please see 'Links to farm songs' for some links to online versions, and other farm songs you might like to listen to.

Writing

Circle farm animals

Drawing circles and lines is really important skill to practise in the Early Years. It prepares children for writing letters, and drawing more accurately when they are older. Demonstrate to your child that you can draw any animal using circles and lines. Pick a farm animal out of a bag (either the written word or a picture.) and each have a turn at drawing it, one circle or line at a time. We would usually start with the body circle, then a head circle, then add lines for legs and tails etc. See 'supporting documents for ideas and examples.

Name writing

This will probably be appearing on each home learning grid, as it is something we do constantly in Nursery! Encourage your child to trace, copy, or write their name on any piece of work they do. Practise in sand, with chalk, or paintbrush and water whenever they are interested in having a go. Have a go at giant letters, and tiny letters, in all kinds of places!

A lot of children are not too keen on writing and drawing at this age, please don't worry if your child does not want to sit and hold a pen or do writing activities...do something that interests them instead!

Fine motor Skills

Mucky Animals!

Scrubbing and cleaning toys with tools like a toothbrush (preferably an old one!) is great for fine-motor development. Get some plastic toys mucky in the garden and set your child the challenge to clean them only using the toothbrush and water. Another option would be to use a spray bottle with water. There are lots of opportunities for imaginative play with this activity too. The animals could have escaped their pens into the mud!

This does not have to be with farm animals, just use any plastic toys you have.



FARM ANIMAL
washing station

Phonics

Eye-Spy is a great game to play to support children with hearing the initial sounds in words. To link it to the topic, gather a selection of farm related toys or objects. E.g. toy or cuddly farm animals, tractor, eggs and use them as props. Go through each item with your child first, and talk about the sound that it begins with before playing the game. Alternatively, there is a picture version in the 'supporting documents' if you are short on farm items!

Nursery Creative/World/Physical Grid—Topic: All Creatures Great and Small, Old MacDonald had a farm!

Creative

World/Science

Physical

Toilet roll farm animals!

Get creative with cardboard tubes by creating some little farm animals, use whatever crafty bits and bobs you have at home to decorate them.

Have a look at the 'Animals on the farm' PowerPoint (there is a link on the 'Supporting documents' page). Discuss each animal you see, have you seen one at the farm before? Which is your favourite/least favourite animal? Why? If your child enjoys looking at the PowerPoint, there is another one called 'Farm animals, What Am I'.

Farm animal movements

See if you your child can move like the different animals on the farm! Are they fast or slow? Tall or short? How many legs do they walk on?

Can your child guess which animal you are demonstrating? (sound effects optional!)



RE

Last term the children each brought in a special object from home, and we spoke about some special religious objects in Nursery. We would now be moving on to Special places. Where is special to you and your family? This could be a religious building, or somewhere you just love to be. At the moment, we can discuss how our homes are

What's the time Mr Wolf

This is such a popular game in the Nursery playground! With lots of links to number and counting too. You can make a simple clock together, we would just have one hand on it for the children to point to each number.



Peg Leg animals

Cut out some animal body shapes for your child to colour, and get them to pop some peg legs on!

These would be great for Props for imaginative play too.



RE

It will be Eid al-fitr on May 23-24th. There are some lovely clips we would have been sharing with the children, and we would be discussing what Eid al-fitr is, and who celebrates. Please find a link to the clips and information on the 'supporting documents' page.

Just Dance Kids

Burn some energy by learning a dance routine! We have used some of these in PE lessons as a warm up (Little Mermaid Under the Sea is particularly easy if you are like me and have zero coordination) On YouTube, search for 'Just Dance Kids'. You can be a 'judge' and sit and watch if they pick something tricky!!