

Welcome to Summer 1!

This term our main exploration is ‘The Great Outdoors’. You will be learning lots about farm animals. We will also be looking at the lifecycles of animals. The pupils will have an opportunity to watch ducklings hatch and grow. They will also have real silk worms and some frogspawn in the classes to explore. Therefore, at home we would like for you to consolidate your learning through the home learning tasks below.

All pupils must complete the tasks by Thursday 26th May 2022.

All pupils are expected to do the following weekly set task alongside:

- ✓ **Daily reading—The expectation is that your child will read daily for a minimum of 20 minutes at home.**
- ✓ **Weekly maths – Numberblocks activities, maths games and activities on OneNote**

Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities to the full. We can’t wait to see what you do and look forward to seeing your wonderful home learning.

Yours Sincerely,

Reception Team

Focus – Farm Animals

Some facts about farm animals:

- Some breeds of chicken can breed coloured eggs
- Chickens have over 200 distinct noises they can make for communicating
- Pigs are considered the 4th most intelligent animal
- Ducks` feathers are waterproof
- Sheep have two toes on each foot
- Goats are great swimmers!



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Ducks swim so well because of their webbed feet. Their webbed feet are also the reason why they wobble while walking. They have an oil producing gland that makes their feathers waterproof. They have three eyelids.

Horses stand while sleeping. They only sleep for about 2.5 - 3 hours a day. They cannot breathe through their mouth only through their nose.




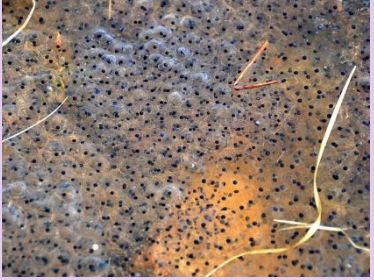




Pigs roll themselves around in the mud to keep themselves cool. They have excellent sense of smell.

There is evidence that frogs have been on Earth for a very long time as long as dinosaurs. Frogs don't drink water through their mouths they 'drink' by absorbing water through their skin.

Silkworm eats mulberry leaves. It takes at least two days for silkworm to complete its cocoon. Silkworm moths lay about 300 – 500 eggs.

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Key Vocabulary and definitions linked to Farm Animals

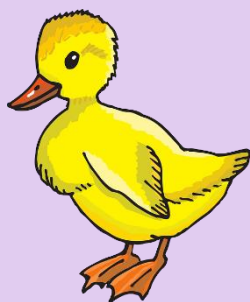
foal	A young horse		cocoon	A silky case made by insects for protection	
palmate	A duck's webbed foot		frogspawn	The eggs of a frog surrounded by jelly	
Silk worm	The caterpillar of the silk moth that spins silk cocoon		farmer	A person who owns or runs a farm.	
hen	A female chicken.		duckling	A baby duck.	

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Home Learning Tasks

Week 1

Draw a picture of a duckling and label it. Think of key words such as beak, feet, wings, feather, yellow.



Week 2

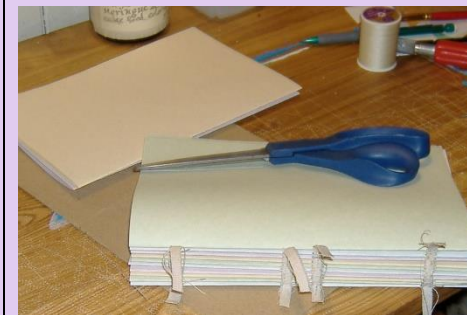
Write a list of things in your house that keep you healthy. Think of the things we use to keep our bodies clean and what we eat to keep us strong and healthy.



Week 3

Create a 'care book' for how to look after a duck, remember to include drawings and instructions.

[Watch 'How to Make a Book' | Microsoft Stream](#)



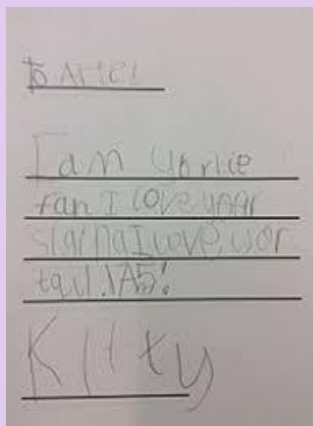
Week 4

Make your own life cycle for either a duck, chick, frog or silkworm. Add some drawings and labels to your life cycle picture.



Week 5

Write a letter to your friends about your favourite animal. Remember to include why it is your favourite animal.



Week 6

Create a duckling, frog or silkworm using recycled materials from home. Give it a name!



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Phonics – Words to read					
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
star	cow	boil	hair	farm	brown
barn	how	coil	fair	ladder	this
car	brown	coin	lair	hammer	much
farm	now	join	chair	letter	chop
arm	coward	soil	pair	shelter	clown
bar	clown	foil	repair	summer	charm
far	surf	oil	dairy	farmer	thick
charm	burger	void	hairy	clever	year
bored	hurt	joints	stairs	born	fear
lord	turn	hoist	cure	sort	aid
cord	curl	point	figure	market	high
motor	fur	hear	sure	down	oil
effort	burn	ear	pure	cow	bright
worst		beard	mixture	burnt	sure
work		near	treasure	surf	point
		fear	picture	hurt	
		year	secure	spanner	
		rear	injure		
		tear			
some	come				
one	do	were	have	out	little
said	so	when	there	like	what