



EYFS

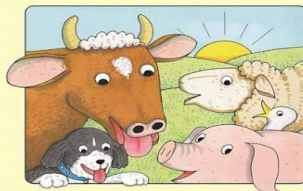
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Dear Zoo Noisy Farm

A lift-the-flap book



Rod Campbell



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The creator of Dear Zoo

Communication & Language

Children will listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions and comments. They will take part in conversations with both adults and peers, engaging in back-and-forth exchanges and building confidence in speaking to different adults around the school. Children will also be encouraged to talk about why things happen and begin to explain their ideas clearly. They will develop their spoken language by talking in full sentences and using a range of tenses appropriately.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Children will develop the ability to focus during whole-class teaching and follow multi-step instructions. They will learn how to develop resilience and a positive 'can do' attitude when facing challenges. Children will build confidence in speaking to adults, form strong friendships, and understand the importance of sharing so everyone feels included. They will also name and describe family members and recognise that all families are unique, special and valued.

Fine Motor Skills

Children will develop control and coordination through practical activities such as pouring accurately, using tweezers, hole punches and other one-handed tools, threading small objects and taking part in daily handwriting sessions.

Gross Motor Skills

During PE sessions, children will develop key movement skills including running, jumping and throwing. They will practise sprinting, stopping, changing direction, jumping for distance and height, and throwing with control.

Understanding the World

This term, our EYFS children will explore "All About Me" and the changing seasons. They will discover how weather, trees, nature, and daylight change throughout the year, recording their observations through different activities. Children will learn about caring for the world and others by exploring Christian and Jewish beliefs, including kindness, compassion, and helping others. They will also celebrate their own interests, experiences, and traditions while creating a special time capsule to capture memories from their time at school.

Expressive Arts & Design

This term, the children will explore paint and painting techniques inspired by nature, music and collaborative work. They will develop creativity through child-led, hands-on activities using mixed media, collage and transient art. Children will experiment with colour, texture and mark making while expressing their ideas independently and with others. Our music topic is based around Structure. Investigating musical structure by listening to, analysing and performing a song.

Mathematics

This term, children will be developing their early maths skills through fun, practical activities. They will explore matching, sorting and comparing objects by colour, shape, size and other features, while building their mathematical vocabulary. Children will also develop their counting skills, learning to count reliably up to five, recognise numbers and understand quantities through songs, games and hands-on experiences. They will explore patterns, shapes and measures, building confidence in using maths in everyday situations.

Literacy

This term, we will be exploring two exciting stories: Dear Zoo and Noisy Farm. We will use these stories to develop the children's communication, language and literacy skills through retelling, changing and creating our own versions of the stories. Through drama, role play and creative storytelling, children will bring characters to life, explore new vocabulary and use their imagination to create their own stories and ideas. We will begin our daily phonic lessons to develop listening skills, recognise sounds, practise blending and segmenting simple words.