# Topic-The Farmyard

## 24th February

We will start this half term by looking at farmyard animals! We will sing 'Old Macdonald has a farm'. We will find out what is on a farm. We will look at information books about farms and we will use all our new knowledge about farms to set up our own farm in class, with a cow milking station and a sheep shearing station! We will count how many animals we have in each field and will draw a picture of them.

### 17<sup>th</sup> March

This week we will continue to base our learning around the book 'Oliver's vegetables'. We will recall what seeds needs to grow and we will be planting our own seeds so that we can grow our own vegetables. We will take photographs of our seeds so that we can observe how much they grow over the next few weeks.

### 31st March

This week we will read the book 'The very busy spider' by Eric Carle. In the story a spider spins a web on a farm. We will sequence pictures from the story and use them to retell what happens in it. We will create our own spider's web, using our fine motor skills to thread and weave. To finish off, we will discover the food that animals eat on a farm and compare it to our food.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March

The story 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell is an excellent story for young children. Following on from reading the story, we will talk about how to treat people fairly and about how we can be kind to each other. We will think about all the jobs that we have to do at school and children will choose what theirs will be for the week. I wonder if we will feel like Farmer Duck or not? We will collage pictures of the animals from the story, thinking carefully about the colour and textures that we use.



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### 7<sup>th</sup> April

Easter is a very special time at our school. We will have an egg-stra special week finding out how Easter is celebrated by Christians. We will create some beautiful artwork linked to the Easter story and Easter week. We will talk about how we celebrate Easter with our own families and talk about whether we have the same or different traditions as each other. We will be hoping that our 'Living Eggs' will have hatched and we will be taking good care of the little chicks by cleaning their home and making sure they have enough food and water. To end the week, we will be having an Easter fun morning hunting eggs!

#### 10th March

'Oliver's Vegetables' by Alison Bartlett and Vivian French is the focus book over the next two weeks. Children will investigate vegetables, learning new vocabulary and begin to understand how vegetables grow on farms and how they get to our plates! We will discuss healthy eating and learn how to cut, prepare and eat vegetable soup.

#### 24th March

This week we will be using non-fiction books to learn about life cycles. We will be doing this in preparation for the arrival of our own 'Living Eggs'. These will arrive next week, and Nursery want to be fully prepared for how we need to look after them. We will use more non-fiction books to look at baby animals and match them to their mothers, whilst we are doing this, we will talk about how they grow and change. We will end the week by creating something special for our Mums in honour of Mother's Day.

### **Notices**

Our PE continues to be on a Thursday and children will need to come to school in their PE kits.

#### Parents' Evening

We hope that you can join us on either Tuesday 4th or Wednesday 5th March to look at your child's work and to discuss their progress. Please book your appointment to join us.