



Dear Bluebell Class,

Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

If we had been in school our topic would have been "Farms" so we have tried to link lots of the challenges to this. It would be good if you could do some research about farms and in particular find out about the following:

- What animals live on a farm?
- What jobs do the Farmers do? E.g. sow the seeds, feed the sheep etc...

Twinkl have some lovely PowerPoint presentations about farms if you use the free parent login we referred to last week.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-5542-on-the-farm-animal-homes-powerpoint>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/us-t-2546349-all-about-farm-animals-powerpoint>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/where-does-food-come-from-powerpoint-t-tp-69791>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-5557-malefemale-farm-animals-and-their-young-powerpoint>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2566927-farm-vehicles-photo-powerpoint>

Here are a list of stories relating to farms:

- Farmer Duck
- The Little Red Hen
- A Farmers life for me
- Barnyard Hullabaloo

Test your memory and play **I went to the farm and I saw a...**

Take turns to say the sentence - I went to the farm and I saw a (add a farm animal) the next person says the sentence remembering the previous farm animal and adding an animal of their own, this continues until you have a string of farm animals to remember in order (phew!) Continue taking turns until you run out of farm animals. How many animals could you remember?

### **Maths**

In school we follow White Rose Maths who have done a great job identifying which areas we need to consolidate and what we still need to teach ready for moving into Year 1. We have included this as the maths challenge as it clearly explains activities and has little teaching presentation for the children to watch/listen to. We will of course also suggest other maths activities and games, but we really do recommend the White Rose Maths activities. <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>

### **Literacy**

The Government are advocating the Oak National Academy to support our pupils learning - their first week of English lessons look at the story of The Three Little Pigs - very appropriate for our farm work this week! We will have a deeper look into the new website but this week we would like you to have a go at the English lessons. They have created 4 short video lessons to work through throughout the week. You can fast forward the phonics part as it looks like they are following a different scheme to us as our children are confident with this week's sounds. <https://www.thenationalacademy/>

We do hope you have enjoyed completing the challenges and independent activities. We do enjoy looking through EExAT and seeing what you have been doing. We thought you might like to know what your teachers have been doing too!

### **Mrs Allan**

I have been busy not only planning some challenges for the Bluebell class but also helping my 3 children complete challenges from their school. I have been baking with my daughter and I am trying very hard to try and master making Yorkshire Puddings, but it's very difficult so I will keep trying! My family and I pretended we went on holiday and slept out in our caravan which is in the garden - it was so much fun! We went out for a walk for our daily exercise and counted lots of rainbows, 116 in total - wow!

## Miss Taylor

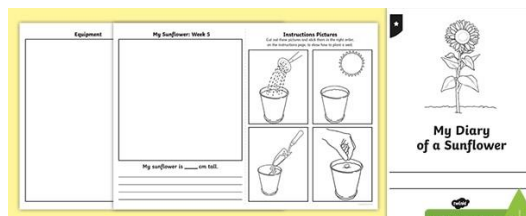
What lovely weather we have been having :) The sunshine has meant that when I'm not planning challenges for you I have been spending most of my time in the garden. It is only very small but I really love being outdoors and looking after my sunflowers of course! I have also been enjoying going for a walk each day, there are some goats that have just been born in a field behind my house, and they are very cute. Do you know what a baby goat is called? I will try and get a photograph next time for you to see.



### SUNFLOWER UPDATE!!

Lots of you have shared pictures on EExAT of your Sunflower seeds you have planted. Once they start to grow you can measure them using a ruler or a tape measure and keep a Sunflower diary. You could make your own or print one off here:

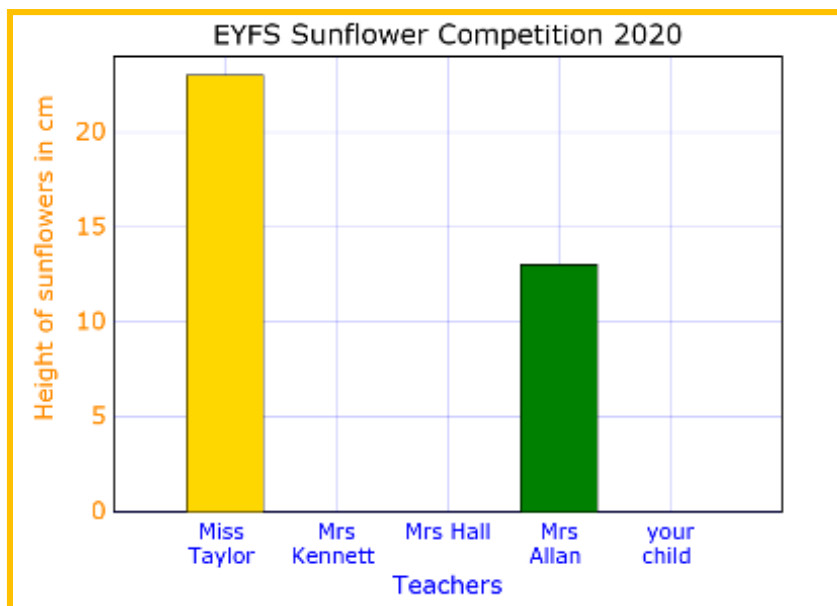
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/my-diary-of-a-sunflower-booklet-template-t-tp-7074>



### **This is getting serious!!**

Below we have created a simple bar graph to show how tall each of teacher's sunflowers have grown so far. Have a careful look at the bar graph with your child and explain that the numbers represented along the vertical axis are how tall the sunflowers are in centimetres. (With or without support) Can they identify?

- Whose sunflower is currently the tallest/shortest?
- How tall are each of the sunflowers? Record your answer.
- Have Mrs Kennett's and Mrs Hall's sunflowers started to grow yet? How do you know?
- We have left a blank space for your child to add their sunflower onto the chart by hand. Print it off and have a go!
- And just for fun, which of the teachers sunflower do you think will win the competition?  
Mrs Kennett would like to remind everyone that 'slow and steady wins the race'.



We have included a link below the website

we used to create this bar graph. Why not see if you can create a bar graph of your own. You might want to find out which is the most popular ice cream flavour amongst your family and friends, which is the most liked farm animal or even record your own family's sunflower results.

As ever we would love to see any photos of you having a go at creating a bar graph on EExAT so get uploading.

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/data/bar-graph.html>

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Allan and Miss Taylor