

Activity 1 Drawing task

Resources:

- Map of the Farm (available to download from the website)
- Card
- Colouring pencils

Task:

In small groups or as a class, look at and discuss the map and list as many animals as you can see (a teacher or helper could scribe this).

Ask the children to draw a picture of the animal they most want to see on their activity sheet, then write or copy underneath what it is.

Save this work for display!

Ask the children some questions:

- Are there any animals there you don't know the name of?
- Do you think there will be any baby animals there?
- Does anyone know what a baby pig, sheep or cow is called?
- What animal are you most looking forward to seeing and why?

Activity 2 Counting game

See the Activity Sheet.

Activity 3 Match the animals to their homes

See the Activity Sheet.

Activity 4 Create a small world table

Resources:

- Small world animals, people, tractors and other machines
- Boxes or toy barns and stables

Task:

Create a small world table with farm animals, buildings, tractors and machinery and let the children do the rest with their imagination. Take photos and record what the children say for evidence of learning. Include this in the child's Foundation Stage Profile.

Activity 5 Role play

Resources:

- Toy food
- Empty cartons
- Role play toys related to farms
- Downloadable pictures to decorate the role play area

Task:

Create a role play area based on a farm house. Have lots of play food such as empty milk cartons, plastic eggs, bacon, sausages. Have a small shop which the farmer can sell his or her goods from.

Activity 6 Topics for discussion prior to visit

- What do you think you will see at the farm?
- What do you think the farm will smell like?
- What kind of sounds do you think you will hear on the farm?

Answers can be written by an adult listening and used later for display purposes or as evidence.

