

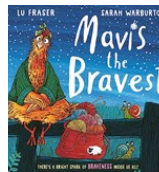
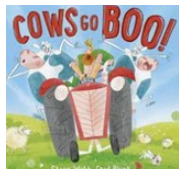
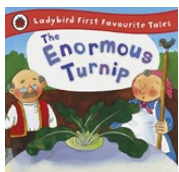


# Pre School Parent Plan

## Spring 2 – Ee-igh-ee-igh-oh!

Our key texts are inspired by our topic Ee-igh-ee-igh-oh! Below outlines how the topic links to the EYFS curriculum and the key skills which are linked to effective learning and development.

As the half term progresses, our planning will be influenced and tailored in response to the children’s interests and fascinations.



**Communication & Language**

We will learn about farms, animals and growth through reading stories and rhymes. We will visit a farmyard setting and share how it made us feel and what we enjoyed about it! Children will be encouraged to use the correct tenses when describing the animal movements and habits and they will be encouraged to ask questions to satisfy their curiosity.

**Literacy**

We will play rhyming games based on the books we are reading. We will start to hear the sounds at the start of words and talk about words that may be new to us. We will blend and segment words to help the children hear the sounds. We will mark make everywhere in our environment!

**Maths**

As well as learning basic number skills, children will compare size and lengths using wool, string, ribbon discussing accuracy e.g. is it exactly the same length? They will discuss route and locations e.g. on our farm visit they will be able to recall the route and the order of things seen on the way. They will be encouraged to make their own maps and plans of the farm. To enhance their understanding of time they will engage in a countdown to forthcoming event e.g. Easter, refer to the importance of days of the week (Good Friday/ Easter Sunday)

**Expressive Art & Design**



We will be sharing the artwork of Steve Brown talking about how he conveys the emotions of the cows in his artwork. The children will be encouraged to do their own pictures conveying emotions mixing colours as required. They will be encouraged to express their own ideas freely deciding for themselves which materials and tools to use.

The children will be invited to create a scarecrow and think about the best fixings and fastenings to use.

**Physical Development**

Children will continue to develop their core strength playing inside and outside. They will have the opportunity to take part in a tug of war (like in the Enormous Turnip) and will be following instructions when learning simple country dances. They will be involved in the digging and planting of seeds and the filling and transporting of water in order to keep them healthy. Hobby horses will be introduced to the environment to support new and accurate movements—gallop, trot, canter etc.

## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Children will be encouraged to think carefully about showing kindness and care to animals, following rules as advised on our farm visit. If permitted they will handle creatures gently and wash their hands afterwards.

They will be encouraged to show the same kindness and care to their friends at all times.

They will develop their sense of responsibility by planting and looking after the seeds in our area.

They will learn that eggs are a symbol of new life and think about how we celebrate Easter, being able to listen carefully and share their experiences with others.

## Understanding the World

The children will further develop their understanding of the need to respect and care for the environment and all living things e.g. caring for animals. They will learn what all living things need to stay alive and understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and animal. This may touch on the idea of death and dying but we will do this in a sensitive way using age appropriate stories to support.

In the setting we will plant seeds and model to the children how they need to care for growing plants. They will be given the responsibility to look after the seeds for the rest of the school year and take photographs of how the plants change over time.

Some of the rhymes and songs we may be sharing:

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Old Mc Donald had a Farm

Little Bo Peep

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

Chick, chick, chick, chick chicken

This Little Piggy went to Market

5 green peas

This is the way we plant our seeds...

The children will also be introduced to Country Dancing to share at our Hoedown event!



## Important dates:

Shop Visit - W/B 11.3.24

Visit from Crumpet and Biscuit

Nettlestone Hoedown—12.3.24 2pm

## Key Vocabulary

Farmyard, farmer, scarecrow,

crops, barn, field,

haystack, bale, tractor,

combine harvester gate, stile,

sticks, straw, egg, chick,

chicken, Spring, New life, Easter,

