

Farm week

Farm week is all about the animals, noises and shaking our musical instruments! We have lots of textures again for little ones to explore and encourage parents to give them the opportunity to feel and touch lots of different textures. We have a farm themed sensory basket, water filled pat mats and some air filled horses for our exploratory play areas.



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equipment

munchkin farm toys

egg skakers

horse finger puppets

led play

1. rub, rub, rub

2. munchkin farm toys - soft bath toys that our older ones can hold, pinch and squeeze and are amazing for our little ones to look at and hold. Encourage them to experience the texture and do some tracking with the toy.

3. egg shakers - lots of shaking of this toy! We like egg shakers because of their irregular shape and they can be challenging for little ones to hold. Our younger babies will enjoy looking at the single colour toy and can be encouraged to turn their heads towards the sound and our older babies can hold and touch them, shake them and we can give them two together so they can shake two things together (working on co-ordinating both sides of their body together) Egg shakers feel very different to our other toys that we are introducing during our led play.

4. horse finger puppets - lots of tracking with the finger puppets, parents are in charge of the puppet not their little one. Slow movements across their eyeline (towards nose rather than forehead), s shapes and slow zooms. Our older babies can be encouraged to do some hand-eye co-ordination, let them touch the horses, different texture.

5. tummy time - for older babies who are mobile, moving toys away to encourage them to move. Encourage parents to do tummy time daily

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exploratory play

Three exploratory play areas, all of our areas have different textures music toys in them and toys for shaking (older babies practicing gross motor skills) and toys for holding (fine motor skills)

Field (soft space), brown fleece blanket with lots of animal toys (chickens, rabbits, etc), there is a soft play farmhouse with animals in for two handed play for our older babies. Encourage to touch lots of different textures.

Farm themed sensory basket & water filled pat mats - encourage parents to take items out with their little one, use green net as grass and put the animals on it, read a book and use the instruments. Place the water mats on a towel and encourage tummy time and sitting on the mat. Please ask parents to leave the water mats on the towel and not to let their little ones walk on them.

Horses and music toys - lots of different textured fabric, horses, books and lots of music toys. Inflatable horses. Only use the horses if they have head control. Please ensure parents keep their hands on their little ones at all times while on the horses.

calming cuddle

notes

Exploratory play - please go through safety advice on toys, especially mats and horses. Check that there are some plastic toys in each exploratory play area.

Please ensure that you let parents know they are responsible for their child at the class and to keep their little one in arms reach and eye sight at all times.

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packing list

munchkin farm animals x 20

horse or farm animal finger puppets x 20

egg shakers x 20

exploratory play area

Field (soft space),

duvet

brown fleece blanket

animal toys (chicken, rabbits, ducks, sheep, rabbits, etc)

soft farm house

farm/animal books

Farm sensory basket

basket, animal finger puppets, books, music instruments, green chiffons,
green net

cow water mats, green towels

Inflatable horses

cow fabric, red gingham fabric

music instruments - rainmakers, ring my bell shakers

plush horses, horse books

links and starlinks