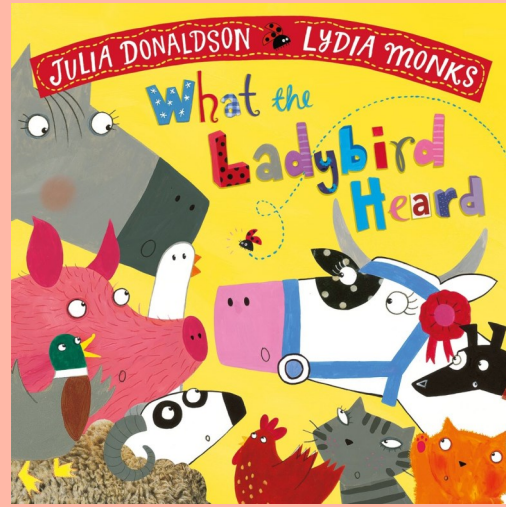
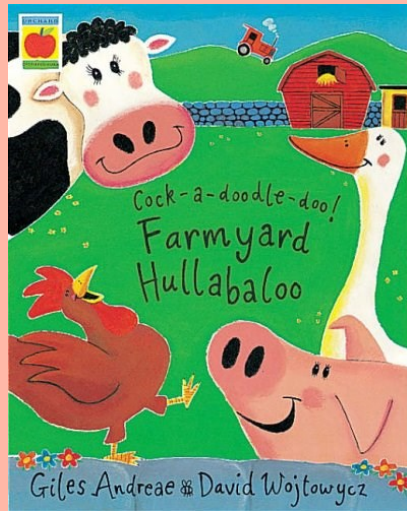


## Home Learning Hub



### Project 1-

#### 'Eggcelent Cakes'

In Nursery this half term we are hatching duck eggs! Can you make some yummy chocolate nest cakes at home with a grown-up? You will need:

- Cornflakes/rice crispies.
- Chocolate.
- Mini eggs
- Buncases.



### Project 2-

#### 'Food Glorious Food!'

Although we find lots of animals on the farm, farmers also look after crops which grow into the food we eat!

Can you become a farmer and plant your own vegetable seeds to grow something delicious? You might want to plant tomatoes, runner beans or potatoes.



# Spring 2



# On the Farm



### What are we learning about?

This half-term the children will be exploring a new topic called 'On the Farm'.

The children will begin by being introduced to the animals who live on a farm. We will investigate where the food we eat is grown by taste testing fresh produce, such as vegetables, fruit and dairy. Most excitingly, we will be spending time with our chickens! The children will help us to finish their co-op by planting herbs for them to peck and building enrichment activities for them. We can't wait to watch them enjoy their home, they might even lay an egg or two!

### Communication, Language and Literacy

During our phonics sessions this half term the children will be learning their set 1 sounds. At Abbey Hey we follow the Read Write Inc program when teaching phonics and early reading. The children have enjoyed their sessions so far and will begin to form some letters independently.

During Literacy this half term the children will be reading a range of books that will support them to draw and label their own animal pictures correctly, name baby animals, make predictions about a text, create their own story maps and identify rhyming words.

### Understanding the World

This half term the children will continue to enjoy their weekly investigations to support curiosity, questioning, and the development of early scientific skills. We will become farmers and plant our own seeds, observing the changes as they grow. The children will study the lifecycles of both different plants in our forest school area and our new animals by creating life cycle charts.

### **Working together, parents as partners.**

Please return bookbags to school every Friday.

Read with your child every day as this helps them to develop a love of reading and story telling.

Please send photos of your child enjoying the weekly home learning activities!



### Learning Outdoors

This half term we will observe the changes to our natural environment as spring arrives! We will:

- Build enrichment activities for our Nursery chickens.
- Go on a Spring welly walk to discover the arrival of new plant life and animals.
- Create our own farmyard using the large construction blocks.
- Plant a range of produce such as potatoes, garlic and tomatoes.

The children will also continue to enjoy their weekly forest school sessions in which we share stories outside, enjoy a drink and snack around our campfire and use natural resources to build dens.

### Learning in Maths

During our maths sessions this half term we will sort farm animals according to size, use 3D shapes to create farm buildings, count out baby animals using 1:1 correspondence and use positional language to find hidden hens.

### Physical Development

The children will develop their gross motor skills in our outdoor area by balancing, running, jumping, hopping and climbing.

They will practice playing team games, such as tag, races and football.

"Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning."

-Mr. Rogers

### Points to Remember

We hope you will be able to support your child's learning by helping them with the home learning activities (see reverse).

We endeavour to make our home learning as fun and interactive as possible. This is an opportunity to support your child and enjoy watching them learn.

Please read stories to your child every day. This will help to support their communication skills, feed their imagination and help them to develop a love of reading.