

Summer Term Week 5	East Anstey Nursery Activity suggestions... Please pick and choose activities and adapt to your Childs interests
Hello! Keep in touch...	Hope you are all well and keeping safe. This week we have chosen activities around farming and one of our favourite Nursery stories 'Driving my tractor'
Colour Green	Green – * Green magic potions. Collect green leaves and vegetable scraps, herbs. Display with tools e.g. scissors, spoons, rolling pin, range of pots. Add small amounts of liquid to pots e.g. olive oil, water, shampoo, shaving foam etc... Invite your child to make potions. A sensory experience, enabling them to explore the world around them. Talk about similarities and differences of ingredients.
Personal, social and emotional development	Mindfulness. The children are all adapting to the recent changes around them. During this time make sure you have some quiet time together. Yoga, reading, breathing techniques or just being together is so important, now even more so! Click the (very long!) link below, for mindfulness activities - barefootbooks.com/files/9515/2511/4260/30-04-2018_1351_339.pdf?utm_source=Consumer&utm_medium=Website&utm_campaign=AtHomeResources2020&utm_term=LandingActivitiesKidsMarch2025&utm_content=MindfulnessForAllAges
Communication and language Listening and Attention	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7I9ts5rijs&list=PL22B2CB84689D72F2&index=2 'Driving my tractor' is one of our favourite stories we like to read together at school. The story has a good rhythm and the children especially enjoy dancing along to it. Create your own dance or rhythm, clapping hands or tapping knees. Using your imagination take turns to drive the tractor. Can you make a tractor to sit on? – an old box or cushions? Using your toy animals place them in your 'trailer' how many of each do you need? Note how the farmer is feeling during his drive, watch his facial expressions closely. Would love to see any tractors that you creatively make or how you act out the story!
Literacy Reading & Handwriting	Create your own 'Driving my tractor' book. Adding pictures of animals to the trailer -perhaps cut out farm animal pictures from magazines/ farmers weekly and stick? Label your pictures together using keywords; speak initial sounds in the word e.g. 'c'cow, 'p'pig... Can your child write over yellow ink to form letter shapes? Encourage holding the pen or pencil in a pincer grip, between fingers and thumb rather than a grasp.
Physical development Hand eye co- ordination	Cutting activity. Introduce and practice using (child size) scissors cutting a range of materials together. Supervision may be required. This skill helps the child to build up the tiny muscles in the palm of their hand with the continuous open and close of the hand. These muscles are also used for writing, painting, and gripping things like a toothbrush, spoon or fork, and even pulling up pants. Cutting enhances eye-hand coordination (using vision, processing what is seen, and moving the hand simultaneously to accomplish a task). Other examples of eye-hand coordination: catching/throwing a ball, scooping food with a spoon, and zipping a coat. Cutting encourages your child to use bilateral coordination (using both sides of the body at the same time while each hand is performing its own task). For example, when cutting a circle, a child must hold the paper with one hand (and continuously turn it) while the other hand is opening and closing the scissors and moving forward to cut. Click on the link to download a vehicle cutting worksheet https://www.makeoversandmotherhood.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Construction-truck-cutting-practice-sheets.pdf Enjoy cutting in our 'green' potion activity, see above.

Maths



Create a farm scene together. Introduce different scenarios in the play and promote solving number problems together.

For example;

We have 4 sheep, but oh no the ram has run away! How many do we have now?

The Sawmill needs one load of logs delivered how many logs can we fit in your trailer?

If we have five cows and two go to the market how many remain?

A few farm themed number work-sheets

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-n-494-my-counting-worksheet-farm-animals>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-6617-farm-addition-sheet>

Understanding the world

People and communities

Write a letter to your loved ones.

Who do your children miss? Have they got a special person or friend they can face time or talk to on the phone? Perhaps a relative has managed to read a story over the phone?

Draw a picture or write a letter together for someone you miss... send it in the post or by email.

Did you and your child take part in VE celebrations? If so, please send in photos to us of you enjoying the celebrations together.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/eyfs-school-closure-ve-day-resource-pack-ages-3-5-t-tp-2549786>

Expressive arts and design



Painting activity

Using toy tractors and vehicles, wheel through paint. Make different tracks.

Watch colours change. Look at shapes on the tread. Look at length and width of the pattern.

Can the children create a map or road?