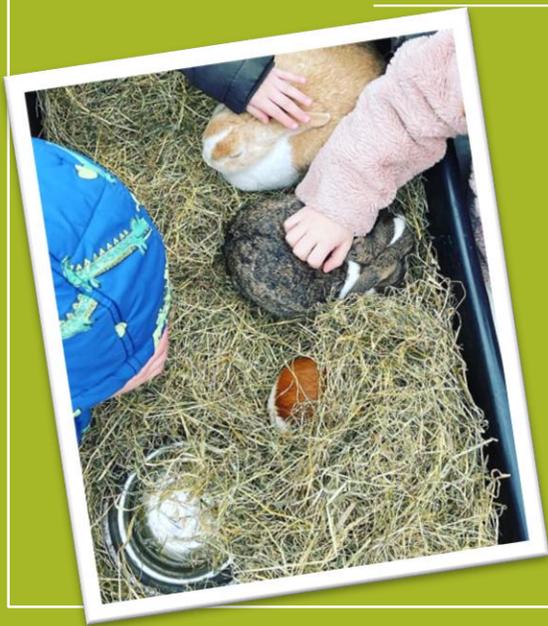




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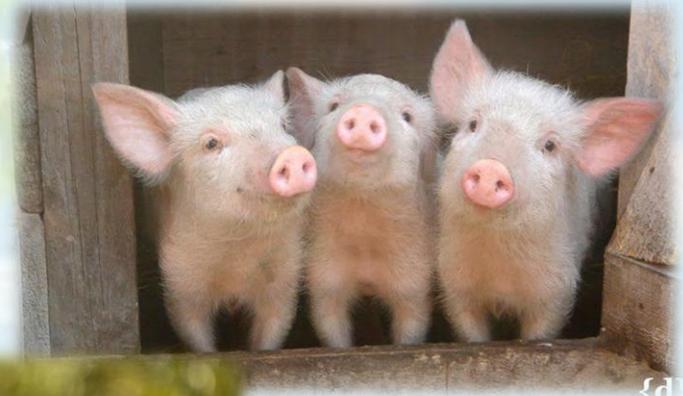


Down on the Farm

A Squash & A Squeeze, The
Three Little Pigs & Easter
20th February - 31st March 2023

We will begin this topic with a Barnyard dress-up day where we will learn a traditional Barn Dance dressed as our favourite farm animal. We will have a visit from a real Farmer and his tractor and read 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson.

We will have a special visit from some real-life farm animals and move onto learning about 'Rosie's Walk'. We will use our knowledge to write the names of farm animals and their young. We will know why an egg is used as a symbol of Easter. During our Muddy Monday sessions we will spot the signs of Spring as well as using mud to paint farm animals pictures.



Key Vocabulary:

Cow, goat, kid, sheep, lamb, tractor, cat, pig, hen, calf, kitten, piglet, chick, Easter, farm, farmer, farmyard, Spring.

Key Questions:

What is a farm? What would you find on a farm? What would you see on a farm? Why do we have farms? What animals would you find on a farm? Why are these farm animals? Did you enjoy the farm visiting us? Why/why not? What was your favourite part? Why?

Hook- Farm dress up day, visit from Mill Cottage farm and an exciting Tractor visit!

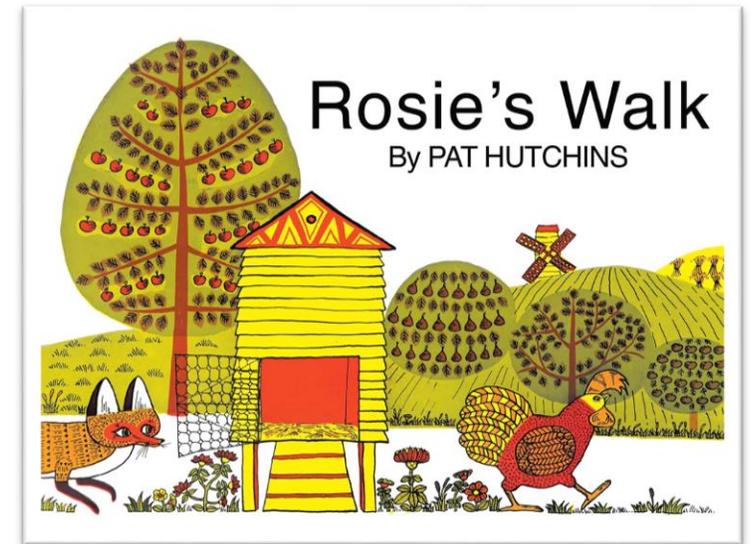
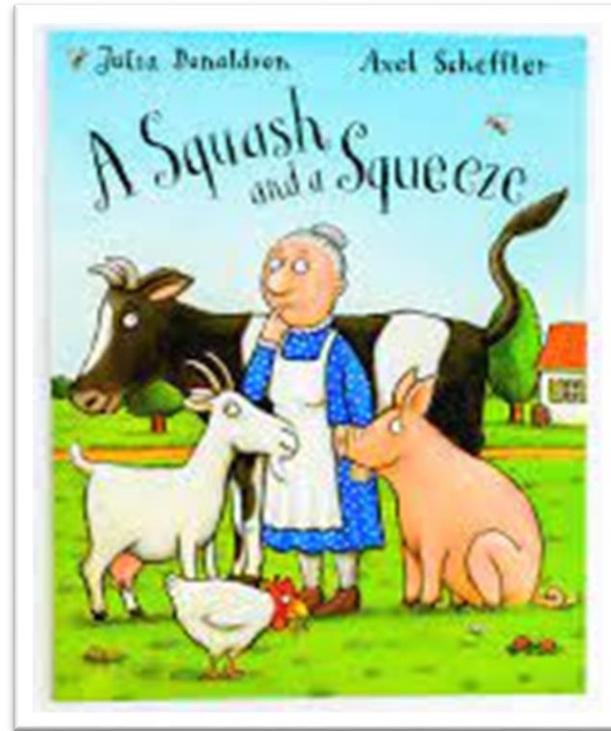
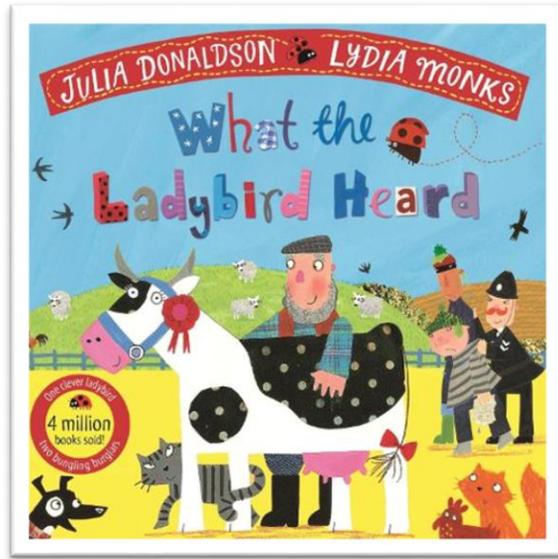
Year R have enjoyed starting their new topic of 'Down on the Farm'. We started by sharing the story 'A Squash and A Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and discussed the characters and setting. We have had lots of fun dressing up as our favourite farm animal. This half term, we have been treated to two special visitors! We welcomed Farmer Alex and his big red tractor and on Wednesday 1st March, we met two local farmers and some of their animals. We came up with some fantastic questions to ask our visitors:

- Why do farmers need tractors?
- What do tractors do?
- What food do chicken's eat?

The children loved seeing our school playground transform into a farm! They all learned about each farm animal and how to take care of them. The children enjoyed getting to stroke and brush the farm animals. We saw –lambs, sheep, donkeys, chickens, piglets, ducks, chicks, rabbits and many more...



Key text drivers:



We have enjoyed reading and exploring these texts within our 'Down on the Farm' Topic. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading lots of other farm stories (non-fiction and fiction) From 'Duck in the truck to barnyard dance and many more....