

Week beginning: 14th July 2025

This week in Maple

We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's keyworker or any of the staff.

Books of the week: We're Going on a Lion Hunt, Handa's Surprise 	Rhyme(s) of the week: Old McDonald Had a Farm 	Sign of the week: Recap	Happy Thought: 
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In Maths we will be:

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- Playing games with farm animals to explore positional language (e.g., in, on, behind, next to).
- Hiding animals around small world houses and describing where we find them using words like under and inside.
- Singing animal rhymes to spot and join in with repeating patterns in songs.

In Phonics we will be:

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- Singing and joining in with animal rhymes like Old McDonald and Baa Baa Black Sheep, listening for repeating patterns in the words and sounds.
- Playing animal sound games, where children will listen carefully, guess the animal, and practise describing the sounds they hear.
- Exploring initial sounds by playing I Spy and sorting animal toys by the sound their names begin with (e.g., "I" for lion).

Learning opportunities:

We will be:

- Visiting a mobile farm to meet real animals and learn how to care for them.
- Using toy tractors dipped in paint to make colourful tracks and patterns.
- Creating special nature crowns to celebrate graduation and moving on.
- Play with animal jigsaws and water pipes to support problem-solving and exploring how things work.

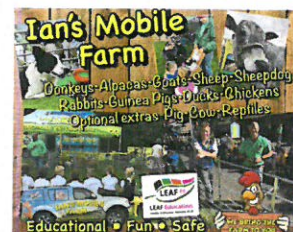


Help At Home:

Here are some Home Learning

Suggestions linked to the farm visit:

- Talk about the Farm at Home
- Look at books or photos of farm animals together.
- Talk about what each animal eats and where it lives.
- Draw your favourite animal from the visit and describe it.
- If you can, visit a local farm or petting zoo to keep exploring!



Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th July - Leavers picnics
- Wednesday 16th July - Ian's Mobile Farm visit
- Friday 18th July - Graduation Garden Party 3.30 to 4.30
- Tuesday 22nd July – Last day/ Nursery closes for summer break