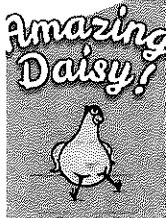


Week beginning: 6th July 2026

This week in Maple

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Books of the week: What the Ladybird Heard, A squash and a Squeeze 	Rhyme(s) of the week: Old McDonald had a Farm 	Sign of the week: Which? 	Happy Thought: 	Think Equal Story Amazing Daisy 
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In Maths we will be: We will be: • 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: We will be: • 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. • Playing with animal jigsaws and water pipes to support problem-solving and exploring how things work. • Creating a story map about our story of the week 'What the Ladybird Heard.'	Help At Home: 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: – Wednesday 8th July - Ian's Mobile Farm visit – Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th July - Leavers picnics – Friday 17th July - Graduation Garden Party 3.30 to 4.30 – Monday 20th July – Last day/ Nursery closes for summer break	

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