



Reception Oak Tree's Weekly  
Newsletter

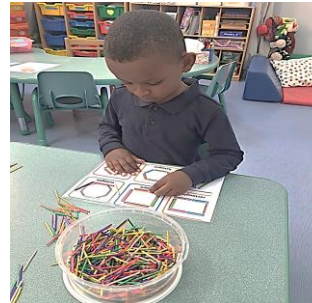
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Look at our farmer pictures that we made using different shapes.



In math we counted how many sides the shapes have.

## Activities Covered:

Last week, we travelled from the zoo and the jungle to the farm and learnt all about Farm animals. We explored all the different animals that live on a farm and their habitat.

In **Communication and Language**, we read the story "Wake up on Bumble Farm". We sequenced the story in our own words and chose a farm animal to make as a craft.

In **Personal, Social, and Emotional Development**, we discussed how the role of a farmer is important and explored his duties. We learnt about the vehicles and tools that a farmer needs to be able to work on the farm.

In **Physical Development**, we moved our bodies in different ways when we copy farm animal movements in a yoga activity.

In **Literacy**, we learnt the sounds ai & j. We also learnt their actions, songs, and formation before practicing them in our books. We also made different crafts to help us remember these sounds. The High-Frequency words for last week was **and** & **am**.

In **Mathematics**, we continued with revising the polygon shapes through various hands-on activities such as counting how many sides they have and match them to their correct picture.

In **Understanding the World**, we acted out the 'Old McDonald Had a Farm' song and play a guessing game about farm animal sounds.

On Thursday we arrived at school full of excitement for our first school trip. We travelled to the North Sedra farm to learn about the animals and produce of the farm. We got to ride a pony and the camel as well as feeding the animals. It was a great day out!

It was another fun week learning about animals and we are thrilled for next week's activities.

## Upcoming Activities:

This week, we will continue with our topic of **Farm Animals**, and we will focus on the farm animals' produce. We will also explore other products that come from the farm.

For **Communication and Language**, we will be reading the story "The Little Red Hen". We will retell the story with actions as we learn the whole process from planting the grains to baking bread with flour. Then, we will bake our own bread in school.

For **Physical Development**, we will discuss where eggs come from. Then we will have a close look inside a fresh chicken egg and learn its different parts.

In **Literacy**, we will learn the sounds **oa** & **ie**. We will learn their actions, songs, and formation before practicing them in our books. The High-Frequency words for this week are **get** & **big**.

For **Mathematics**, we will introduce the 3D shapes, sphere, cube, cone, and triangular prism. We will use fun hands-on activities to learn these Shapes.

For **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will discover the fruits and vegetables that come from the farm and make a delicious fruit salad!

We have another exciting week to look forward to!



Old McDonald had a farm roleplay during carpet time.



Working hard in our phonics books.

### Tips for home:

- Read the **weekly newsletter**, so that you keep up to date on what is happening.
- Drop off and collect your child promptly each day.
- Provide your child with opportunities to **practice their pencil control**.
- Limit **screen time** to 1 hour per day.
- Encourage your child to complete their **homework** as independently as possible.

### My values draw my identity:

- I am learning, knowledge is light.
- I collaborate with my friends.
- I respect my teachers.
- I keep my class clean.
- I practice my hobbies.
- I eat healthy food.



We fed the goat's grass. The children and the goats were very excited to see each other!

### Upcoming Events:

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Vet visit

We will be having the pleasure of welcoming a veterinarian to our school who will come and teach us how to take care of our pets. They will also tell us how some animals were rescued.

During the week we will be collecting pet food to donate to the pet rescue center to support taking care of their animals.



Feeding the fish at the farm.

To see more photos of our adventures in learning be sure to visit our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

### Final Note:

Please ensure that your child wears the school uniform always. This includes the school jacket. Thank you!