



## Saplings Spring Term 2 Overview – On the Farm/At the Zoo

### Literacy

Our focus texts this term: Farmer Duck, Topsy and Tim on the Farm, What the Ladybird Heard, The Tiger who came to Tea, Dear Zoo, Walking through the Jungle and a selection of non-fiction farm and zoo themed texts.

### Maths

- Number 1
- Number 2
- Pattern
- Number 3 and triangles
- Number 4 and squares/rectangles
- Sequencing
- Positional language
- More than/fewer than
- 2D shapes/3D shapes
- Number composition

### Personal, social and emotional development

- Co-operate with others in play, sharing toys and resources
- Begins to show understanding of healthy choices

### Our new vocabulary

flower, leaf, stem, root, plant, river, mountain, feelings, praise, movement, loud, quiet (various animal names, habitat names)

### Physical development

- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery
- Show control in using hands for different purposes
- Experiment with different ways of moving
- Catching, kicking and throwing skills

### Our focus nursery rhymes

Let's Go to the Zoo Song  
(Sing to the tune of 'I Can Sing a Rainbow'.)

Fish and parrots and frogs and bats,  
Beetles and penguins and cats.  
Let's go to the zoo, to the zoo,  
To the zoo with you.  
Get your ticket here, listen to the talks,  
And hand feed the animals.  
Let's go to the zoo, to the zoo,  
To the zoo with you.  
Deer and seals and sheep and hogs,  
Rhinos and lions and dogs.  
Let's go to the zoo, to the zoo,  
To the zoo with you.

And Old MacDonald had a farm  
(versions vary)

### Understanding the world

#### Science – Young Gardeners

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world

#### Geography – Our Wonderful World

- Describe their immediate environment using new knowledge
- Know some similarities and differences between different religions and cultures
- Explain some similarities and differences between countries

We will be enjoying Forest School sessions on Thursdays for this half term.

Class One will begin swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons. A member of staff will speak to you regarding Nursery swimming.

If you have any suggestions for activities or resources at home to support our learning we welcome your contributions, please speak to Mrs Jones or Miss Redmond or drop us an email at - [valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used
- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques
- To match actions to the words of a song
- To copy loud and quiet sounds
- Explore and engage in music making