

Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026

Round up of the week:

This week our children have been learning about farm animals, tractors, and life on the farm. The children enjoyed sensory play with 'mud', cereals and herbs, as well as creative activities including vegetable printing, tractor painting, and making cow collages practising their cutting skills. We have been developing our mathematical skills by counting out cotton wool balls for the sheep, writing numbers in 'mud,' sorting animals into groups, exploring size and weight, and matching animals to numbered barns. As an adult led activity, some children learnt about bar charts, where they had to count animals in a picture and colour along the graph. Our writing table changes every day to ensure it remains engaging and encourages all children to have a go at mark making. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed making marks on cotton wool balls and pads before sticking them onto their sheep pictures. This creative activity provided another fun opportunity for children to pick up a pen, develop their fine motor skills, strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers, and build confidence in early writing through mark making. The children have also enjoyed singing farm songs, listening to farm stories, and taking part in imaginative role-play activities. The highlight of the week was our farm visit, where the children had the opportunity to see real farm animals and bring their learning to life. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, enthusiasm, and growing knowledge throughout the week. Learning the names of baby animals can be quite a challenge, especially as they do not all follow the same pattern! The children explored the names of different adult and baby farm animals, discovering that pigs have piglets and ducks have ducklings, but cows have calves and horses have foals. They were also surprised to learn that more than one sheep is still called sheep! ! So much for their little minds to remember!

Next week our theme is 'The World Cup.'



Outdoor Learning

Our farm theme continued outdoors this week, with lots of exciting opportunities for the children to explore and learn. The children discovered where wool comes from by feeling real sheep's wool before using wool to create their own weaving on the garden fence. Inspired by the story Oh Dear!, they went on an egg hunt around the garden, meeting different farm animals along the way, counting the eggs they found and exploring how they rolled. Thursday was our Cow Day, where the children learnt that cows produce milk. They enjoyed practising their milking skills using a glove to represent a cow's udder and joined in enthusiastically with singing 10 Green Bottles. The tuff tray was filled with 'milk' for pouring, mixing, and sensory exploration. The children also helped to plant flowers to add colour to our lovely garden, taking pride in caring for their environment. On Friday, the children explored clay and enjoyed chopping vegetables in the mud kitchen. Throughout the week there has been plenty of water play, supporting children's physical development by building core and shoulder strength, as well as fine motor control, all of which help to develop the skills needed for early writing.



Value of the month:

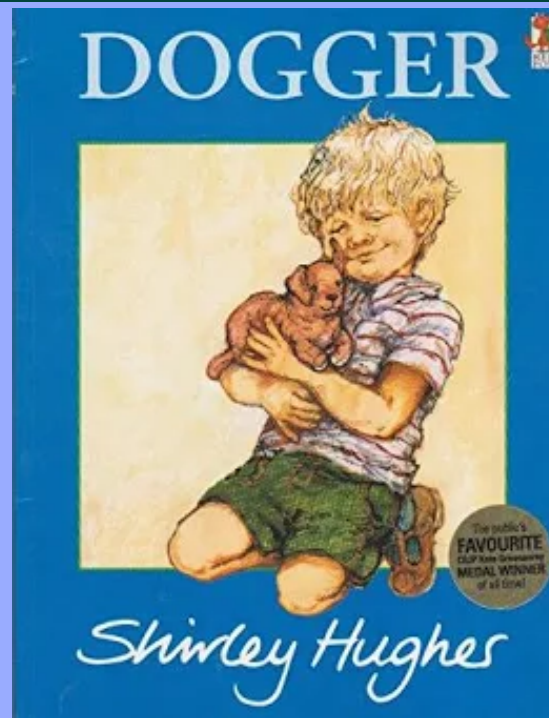
One of the highlights of our farm visit was seeing the children demonstrate such wonderful courage. Some children were initially unsure about stroking the animals and preferred to watch from a distance. With gentle encouragement and support, many found the confidence to get a little closer and eventually stroke the animals themselves. It was lovely to see them overcoming their fears, trying something new, and feeling proud of what they had achieved.

Notes for Parents:

- Suncream and sunhats or wellies and raincoats!
- Waterproof clothes for water play
- Spare Clothes
- Cut up blueberries and grapes
- Let us know about school stay and plays
- Last Day 12pm finish on Thursday 16th July
- Renew funding every 3 months



Staff Favourite Stories



"Dogger by Shirley Hughes has always been my favourite children's book. I loved the illustrations when I was a child (and actually still do!) and the story always kept me completely hooked. I was very attached to my teddies and saw them as real friends, so I could really understand how Dave felt when Dogger was lost, and the relief and happiness he felt when he found him again. I also loved the kindness his big sister Bella showed when she gave up the big teddy she had won to get Dogger back for Dave. It's a story that has stayed with me ever since and I loved reading it to my two boys when they were little."

Katie



HAPPY *Father's Day*

♥ Happy Father's Day ♥

To all our dads, grandads, step-dads, uncles, carers, and the special people who play an important role in our children's lives, we would like to wish you a very Happy Father's Day.



Thank you for the love, support, encouragement, and care you give each day. Whether you're sharing stories, exploring new adventures, offering a comforting hug, or simply spending quality time together, the difference you make is truly valued. We hope you have a wonderful day celebrating with your families and making special memories together.



From all the children and staff at Flying Start ♥



Important Dates

Monday 1st June – Thursday 16th July

Thursday 16th July – **Close at 12:00**

Graduation and Picnic

12:00pm – Non-school leaver children collected
– School leaver children who weren't at preschool arrive

School Leaver children **stay in preschool**

Parents can set up for the picnic in the garden

12:20pm – 1:00pm Graduation

1:00pm – 2:00pm – Picnic and Play

2:00pm – End of Year!



GOLDEN RULES

1.

Be kind:

- Gentle hands
- Kind words
- Caring for our toys

Let's share our smiles with all the world!



2.

Be safe:

- Walking inside
- Hands to ourselves

Keep our friends and toys safe and sound!



3.

Be ready:

- Listening ears
- Looking eyes
- Give things a try

Let's learn and play — we'll reach the sky!



Be kind, be safe, be ready each day —
That's the preschool way!





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