

In Bumble Bee Class, our topic this term has been 'Down on the Farm'. We immersed ourselves in our topic straightaway with a trip to Stonehurst Farm! We got to see all of the animals, including cows, sheep, pigs (and baby piglets), chickens, goats, rabbits and guinea pigs. We enjoyed a nature walk around the farm, then we were lucky enough to ride on a tractor and trailer to a nearby field – where we saw a real tractor ploughing the fields right in front of us! The chicken were quite naughty at lunchtime, and kept stealing our food! There was also a very cheeky goat who always escaped from her pen.



We started the term with the story 'Dear Zoo', by Rod Campbell. We then received our own present from the farm, which made some very strange noises! We wrote our own version of Dear Zoo called 'Dear Farm'. Year 1 thought hard about which adjectives to use to describe the farm animals. Reception though about the noises each animal makes.

When we opened the box from the farm, we discovered a little ladybird inside! The ladybird told us all about what she heard, in the book 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. Whilst learning about this story, we thought about sequencing the story and describing directions, like they do in the book. Year 1 also learnt all about verbs, and wrote some silly sentences about all of the animals in the book.

To celebrate World Nursery Rhyme week, we also spent some time learning the nursery rhyme 'Old MacDonald Had a Farm'. We learnt the nursery rhyme, made up some actions and performed it for each other.

Our science this half term has been based on animals. We have learnt all about the different types of animals (mammals, reptiles, fish, birds, amphibians) and what they eat. We have also considered their habitats.

In outdoor learning we have explored lots of leaves – we played a guessing game in partners and even had a wonderful autumnal photo taken in a leaf shower! We also spotted some of the first signs of winter!



In maths, Year 1 have been adding and subtracting with numbers to 10. We have used counters, number lines, and recalled our number facts. We have just started working with numbers to 20! We also enjoyed a week exploring 2D and 3D shape – we particularly enjoyed making towers with the stackable 3D shapes!

Reception have explored numbers 3, 4, and 5 this half term. We have loved using Numberblocks to help us to understand. We have looked at the composition of the numbers and practised counting forwards and backwards.

Of course, the main event of this half term has to be our nativity; The Landlord's Cats. We practised incredibly hard, singing our hearts out and learning our lines and when to come on and off stage. Miss Bray & Mrs Gent are incredibly proud of the amazing show that the Bumble Bees put on for all of their parents, grandparents and family members. What a way to get us all in the Christmassy mood!



