

Farm Baskets

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Hints & Tips

- Key workers may need to observe and stand back on some occasions allowing the children open ended, free play. However, there may be appropriate opportunities to become more involved. Adults need to really consider carefully when they can support the play and when their presence inhabits it. Consider when play can be enhanced and nurtured and when adults need to observe.
- Ask what sounds the animals make. (Link this to Old MacDonald's Farm song or books about farms).
- Ask for particular animals e.g. can you find me a cow, a cat etc. Older children may be able to find objects using more complex criteria e.g. this animal provides us with milk, this animal catches mice, this animal lives in a sty etc.
- Think of alternative ways of describing the animal. Clover the Clever Cow or Donald the Dashing Dog, Henry the Happy Horse. (Such activities are great for developing alliterative awareness).
- Use as the centre of a design project e.g. design a large, tall home for the horse and a cosy, warm small place for the cat.
- Use the animals for a farm treasure hunt. (Perhaps leaving clues along the way).
- Use for preposition work e.g. who is sat on top of the house, next to it, in it etc.