

## Prime

### Personal, Emotional and Social Development

Talk about caring for different animals—caring for mini beast and wildlife .

Adapting to new situations when out on school trips

Comparing and contrasting the chicks and thinking about what makes us special

### Physical Development

Enjoy lots of letter name and line tracing activities

Practise cutting skills by cutting out characters from the stories to make masks and puppets.

Enjoy lost of finger gym activities such as:

Picking out the ladybirds from the green wool

Adding tiny ladybirds to the flowers

Placing ladybirds on leaves

Unlocking padlocks with keys (numicon) and pieces of the map, unlock to make the map.

### Communication and Language

Asking lots of questions and answering questions

Discussions about how things have changed in relation to the lifecycles of the animals.

Cook different foods and discuss the changes.

Learn new words linked to the ladybugs and the farm animals.

Learn the names of baby animals

## Supporting Texts

What the ladybird heard?

After a fall

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Other lady bird and farm books—fiction and non-fiction

### Topic hooks, visits and visitors

Visit the farm

Real eggs to hatch

Real larvae to watch change into ladybirds

Workshop for Mothers day

Workshop for Spring



Spring 2

Nursery

Summer 1



NEW LIFE



### Big Interests/ what we want children to learn

How things change

New life in Spring

### How can I support my child's learning?

#### Resources and ideas for home.

- Read stories with the children, looking at difference between pictures and writing
- Take children to visit a local farm or some animals.
- Think about how we grow and change.
- Play lots of rhyming games and listen to rhymes
- Listen for the first sound in names and objects

## Specific

### Reading and writing

Enjoying reading the stories and thinking about the characters, the settings of the story and what happened in them.

Ordering and retell the stories using pictures

Drawing pictures of their favourite characters and labelling them

Mark making in speech bubbles what the chicks may be saying to each other.

### Maths

Introduce and learning the numbers 1-5

Playing ladybird counting, matching and pattern games

Counting the love hearts

Drawing numbers in the sand

Playing skittles

Weighing and measuring farm animals

### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Celebrate festivals of Pancake, Mothers day and Easter

Learn the lifecycles of hens, ladybirds and other farm animals

Learn more about farm animals

Learn to take care of animals

Cooking eggs, biscuits and Easter baskets

### Expressive arts and design

Sing lots of songs about ladybirds, farm animals, chicks and goats.

Make ladybird sun catches

Make ladybird mothers day cards

Build homes for farm animals and bridges for the troll

Use a variety of tool to make clay trolls

Use small world farm and mini beast to imagine and make up stories