

Mini Farmers Activity Ideas



Mini Farmers Activity Inspiration

On The Farm



Mucking Out

Teach the children the importance of caring for animals through maintaining clean and comfortable homes. Encourage the children to care for farm animals big and small by emptying hay and straw, filling up water feeders and topping up their food bowls.



Incubator

Watch the cycle of life first hand by having an incubator in the Mini Farmers room. Collect fresh eggs straight from the farms hatchery and watch as the eggs develop and grow over the weeks before hatching into little chicks!



Egg Collecting

Take your mini farmers down to the hatchery where they can collect the freshly laid eggs first hand. Teach the importance of using delicate hands to pick up and transport the eggs carefully from the hatchery.



Measuring Food

Prep for the daily feeds with measuring and bagging up animal food. In small groups, provide your mini farmers with a set of scales, animal feed and paper bags. Encourage the children to recognise the numbers for each measurements, developing their numeracy skills too!



Grooming

Have a basket full of grooming tools to help groom animals big and small. Encourage the children to get hands on brushing the horses and combing the guinea pigs fur. A great way to teach care and maintenance for our animal friends.



Bottle Feeding Calves

Help the farmers measure out the milk into individual bottles and encourage the children to take turns feeding the calves. Top Tip - Ensure the Mini Farmers are stood to the side of the bottle not directly behind to avoid eager calves pushing them over!

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Experimenting with Nature

Encourage the children to experiment and investigate with different natural elements, inspiring their curiosity for the great outdoors. Supply a range of tools for them to experiment with, from mortar & pestles to a safety knife and chopping board.



Barefoot Walks

Strip things back to basics by immersing your body in barefoot walking. Encourage the children to kick off their shoes and enjoy the natural earth beneath them. Barefoot walking is a great exercise to reduce stress and ground the body.



Outdoor Yoga

Take morning stretches to the next level with outdoor yoga. Encourage gentle movements to wake the body up, partner with deep breathing techniques to create a fully mindful experience. In colder months, enjoy the experience of seeing your deep breaths in the air as you exhale.



Gardening

Help bring your gardens to life by planting a variety of seeds. Grow tall sunflowers, ripe tomatoes and even pumpkins for halloween! Create a schedule of what seeds to plant for each season and don't forget to water your crops!



Foraging

Explore your local area for different types of fungi and berries. With use of a foraging book, the children can safely explore different wild foods. Emphasise the use of safe exploration and conservation.



Nature Walks

Nothing beats a simple walk in the great outdoors! Find different areas, from a local woodland or around the farm to soak up the nature. Stop often to listen to the different noises you may hear or different sights you can see.

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Nature Painting

Encourage the children to collect different natural materials such as leaves, twigs and flowers to use as paintbrushes. Roll out a long piece of paper, blob different coloured paint on the sheet and leave the rest to the children!



Bird Houses

Make a project of building a wooden bird house. Spend one session teaching the children how to safely saw through planks of wood, another on how to safely use a hammer and nails, then finally putting all the pieces together to build the bird house!



Worm Farm

Encourage the children to create a habitat to explore worms in their natural environment. Fill a jar or clear container with mud, leaves and greens and pop worms inside to explore for a short amount of time, make sure the worms return to their home after exploration has finished.



Baking

Using freshly collected ingredients from the farm such as milk and eggs, create a whole range of baked goods.

From pumpkin spiced bread to a Victoria sponge cake, explore different recipes.



Cress Faces

A great project which can span over a couple of weeks is cress faces! Using cleaned egg shells and cotton wool, role model to the children how to carefully plant the seeds and how to care for them as they grow.



Bird Feeders

Find fun and inventive ways to feed the wild animals in your area. From orange bottom bird feeders to pinecone lard balls, use elements that you already have in your environment to create recycled bird feeders.