

# Read4Nature – Picture Books about farms

## Book name

## On the Farm – A Flip-the Flap Book

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Thumbs up!

Lovely reality coloured drawings in an ‘I spy’ puzzle format. Most focus on animal tail clues and its name’s first sound.

Main theme

(Farm) animals

Biodiversity link – lots of animals live together on a farm.

Living things in this book

Farm animals: horse, sheep, goat, cow, pig, ducks

Farm pest animals: mouse

Native animals on farm: owl, spider

Some plants: bulrush, dandelion, wheat, grass, flowering bush

Things to talk about in the illustrations

- ⊗ Characteristics of these living things
  - ⊗ Tail colour and shape
  - ⊗ Body colour, shape and parts
  - ⊗ Head parts and shapes
  - ⊗ Food
- ⊗ links into the environment
  - ⊗ Living things are plants and creatures
  - ⊗ grass for the sheep and horses
  - ⊗ dandelions flowers in the pig illustration are weeds
  - ⊗ milk can in the cow illustration
  - ⊗ bite out of the hat in the goat illustration
  - ⊗ eggs being taken from the nest by the farmer
  - ⊗ shelter for the ducks in the bullrush (Cumbungi = Australian native plant) beside the water
  - ⊗ wheat plant symbol on kitten clue page linking it to the wheat on the mouse clue page
- ⊗ other aspects
  - ⊗ Notice what each animal’s eyes are looking at!

things to notice in the text

Now to observe

- ⊗ Visit a farm to get to know animals up close
- ⊗ Visit a supermarket - look for wheat and cow illustrations on food packaging and what is inside these packages.

And to record

- ⊗ Identify the living things as plants or creatures
- ⊗ Identify which creatures have 2 (bird), 4 (mammal) and 8 (spider) legs.
- ⊗ Draw pictures to show food eaten by living thing (we eat).
- ⊗ Make your own matching pictures for tails and living things found at your place.

More about this book:

Science notes

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