

Key Vocabulary

animal life cycle - The changes in an animal's life.

combine harvester - A machine used to **harvest crops**.



crops - A plant that is grown and **harvested**.

farm - A piece of land used to grow **crops** and/or to raise animals.

farmers - Somebody who runs the farm.

flock - A group of sheep.

free range - Allowing animals to spend more than half of their life outdoors.


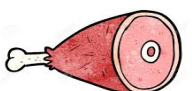
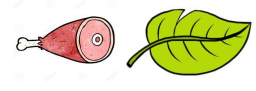
harvest - Gathering in **crops** from the field to sell.

hay - Dried grass.

herd - A group of cows.

organic - A way of farming that does not use chemicals.

We call animals different names depending on what they eat. Most animals on a farm are **herbivores**. They eat only plants

herbivores	carnivores	omnivores
Eat plants	Eat meat	Eat plants and meat
		

On the Farm – Farming and Food

Year 1 (Autumn Term)



Dear Parents,

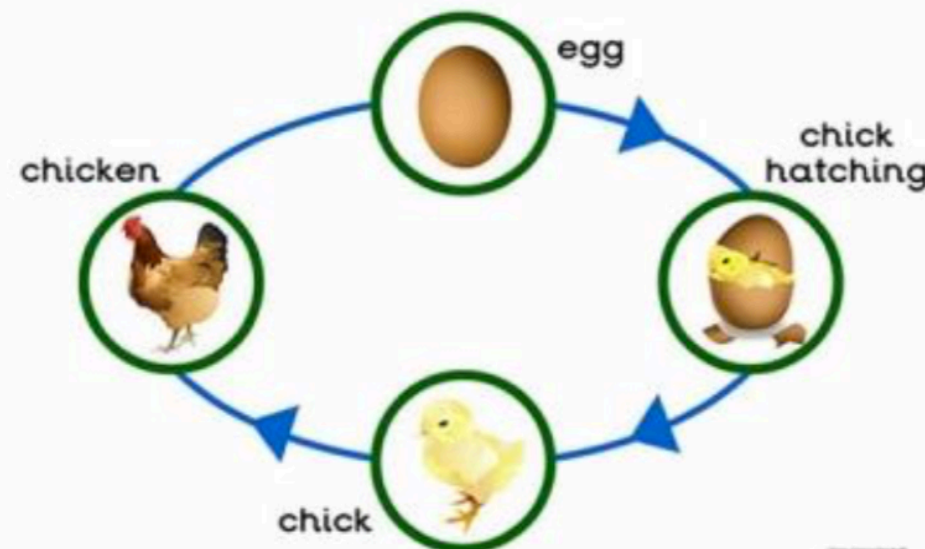
Our next topic is 'On the Farm - Farming and Food'. This will involve your child learning about famous historical characters. Please help your children to prepare for this topic by helping them to learn the key words (in purple) and the facts on this sheet.

There are some homework activities on the back of this sheet. Your child can complete these at any time. Your child's teacher would love to see what they have created.













Thank you for your support.

Kind regards - Year 1 teachers

The Life Cycle of a Chicken



Animals that you may see on a farm

Animal	Males and females are called	Baby animal is called
cow 	Male = bull Female = heifer (if she has not yet had a baby) or a cow (if she has had a baby)/	calf 
sheep 	Male = ram Female = ewe	lamb 
chicken 	Male = cockerel Female = hen	chick 
pig 	Male = boar Female = gilt (if she has not yet had a baby) or a sow (if she has).	piglet 
goat 	Male = billy Female = nanny	kid 
horse 	Male = colt or stallion Female = filly or mare	foal 

Crops

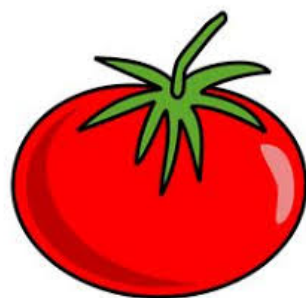
Farmers grow many different types of **crops**. Some of these are below. How many other different **crops** can you think of that farmers also grow?



carrots



lettuces



tomatoes



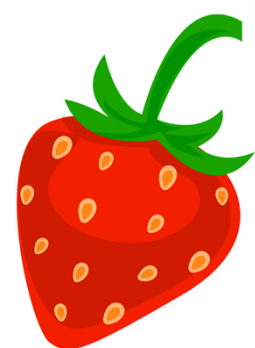
potatoes



wheat



swedes



strawberries



leeks



apples



A FUN FACT

Cows have 4 stomachs.

A FUN FACT

Chickens like to wash with dust and not water. They clean their feathers with their beaks.

A FUN FACT

Pigs communicate with one another using 20 different noises.

A FUN FACT

Goats are very good swimmers and they can climb trees.

A FUN FACT

We think that all sheep look the same. Sheep can however recognise different sheep within the same herd.

Hay Bales

On farms, you will often see **hay** bales. This is used as food for many of the animals during the winter.



Homework Ideas

- (1) Draw a picture or make a model of a farm animal.
- (2) Draw a picture of some foods that farmers grow. Remember to label your pictures.
- (3) Make a model of a tractor.
- (4) Look at the pictures of crop circles. Draw or paint your own crop circle pattern.
- (5) Create a diorama of a farmer's field or of a farm.



Crop Circles

Some people create patterns in the fields of farmers by treading on their **crops**. Doing this damages the **crops**, but these can make beautiful patterns.

