



with childminders and parents

More creative and fun ideas to support your child's learning that are linked to our theme of **'Once upon a time'**

The Little Red Hen

- Sing the song 'Chick, chick, chick, chick, chicken, Lay a little egg for me'.
- Dance and sing along to 'The Birdie Song' by The Tweets (there are some great You tube renditions, too!)
- Talk about creatures that have fur and creatures that have feathers. Talk about the different attributes and how their properties help to keep animals warm and dry. Do we have fur or feathers? How do we stay warm and dry?
- Compare Little Red Hen and Little Grey Dog, Little Brown Horse and Little White Goose:
How many legs does each have? What do the birds have to help them fly?

The Three Little Pigs

- Enjoy reciting the traditional rhyme 'This little piggy went to market'. Count up using fingers and toes.
- Talk about farms and different crops and explore how and where wheat grows.
- Visit a local children's farm to see some pigs. There are so many lovely varieties and children will be amazed at the size they can grow to, and the delightful farmyard smells!
- Explore on a map or the internet where real wolves live.

The Town Mouse and Country Mouse

- Talk about friends you have that live at a distance. How do you communicate with them – letters, telephone, using a computer?
- Identify the different ways you would have to travel to visit a friend living in different locations – such as, a neighbour, a friend living 40 miles away or an aunty who lives in another country.
- If you live in a town or city, plan a day out in the countryside. If you live in the countryside visit a town. Talk about the differences you might encounter and then discuss them again on your return.

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