

Animal Farm

A sensory story based on the book by
George Orwell



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Transition Music

Music is integral to so many sensory stories. Consistent transition music at the start and end of a story helps to enable children and young people to anticipate what is coming next and to participate more fully in the story-sharing process. They also help to set the mood for the story.

Please feel free to choose your own transition music. The following are only suggestions:

Introductory music:

- **Animal Farm – The Kinks**

Story ending:

- **Animal I have Become – Three Days Grace**



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Resources

You will need some sensory resources available for this story.

- **Soft toy sheep**
- **Soft toy pigs**
- **Sound switch – loud pig noises**
- **Farmers flat cap**
- **Tambourines**
- **Sound switch – celebration sounds**
- **Sound switch – “Happy” Pharrell Williams**
- **Biscuits**
- **Sound switch – dogs barking**
- **Toy dogs**
- **Rules poster**
- **Soft toy horse**
- **Till**
- **Coins**
- **Large sheet of green fabric**
- **Sound switch – till sounds**
- **Cold tea**
- **Cups**
- **Jackets**
- **Wellies**

Animal Farm

Sensory resources and activities

Soft toy sheep

Soft toy pigs

Mime shivering

Children rub their tummies

(gross motor)



**Farmer Jones did not
look after his animals.
The sheep were cold.
The pigs were hungry.**



Sensory resources and activities

Sound switch – loud pig noises
Farmer's flat cap – children feel then
throw it to the side of the room



**Two pigs, Napoleon and
Snowball were fed up.
They drove Farmer Jones
off the farm.**



Sensory resources and activities

**Celebration sounds on sound switch
or using tambourines
Clapping (gross motor)**

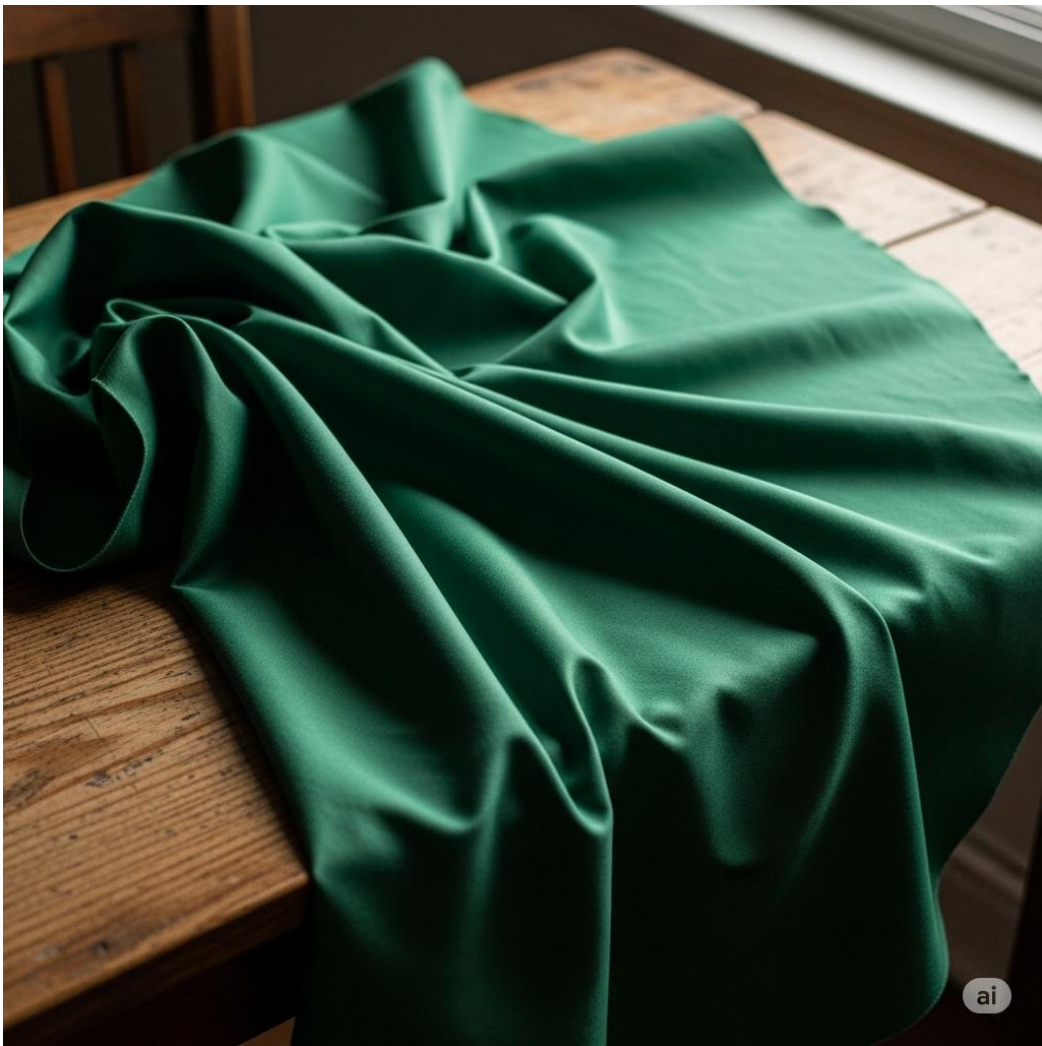


**They call the farm
“Animal farm”.
All the animals are
equal.**



Sensory resources and activities

Large sheet of green fabric to wave



**They raise a green flag
on the flag-pole.**

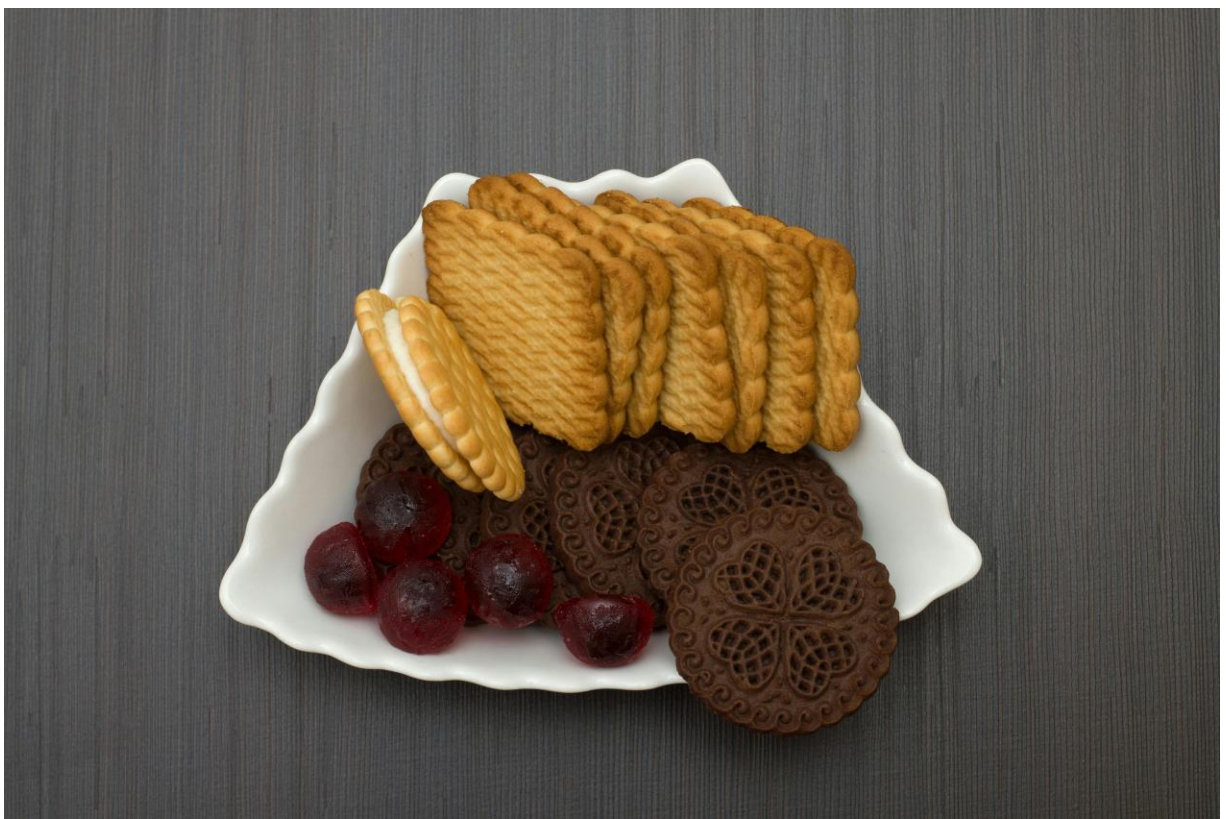


Sensory resources and activities

Biscuits

Sound switch – “Happy” Pharrell Williams

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**There is plenty of food
for everyone.
All the animals are
happy.**



Sensory resources and activities

Rules poster (using Communicate & Print or other visual communication)

SCHOOL RULES



BE KIND



BE RESPECTFUL



LISTEN CAREFULLY



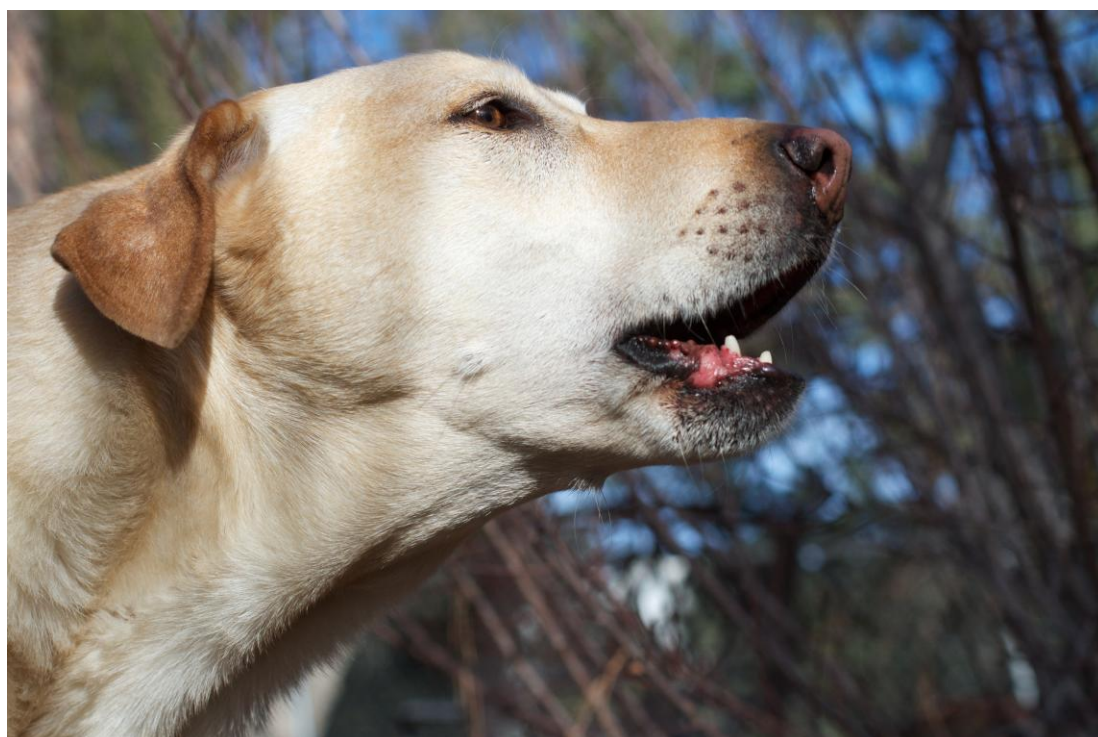
TIDY UP

**Napoleon and the pigs
take charge and tell all
the other animals what
to do.**



Sensory resources and activities

Sound switch – dogs barking
Toy dogs



**Napoleon and Snowball
argue.
The dogs drive Snowball
off the farm.**



Sensory resources and activities

Soft toy horse
Play till
Coins



**When Boxer, the
workhorse is old and ill,
the pigs sell him off.**



Sensory resources and activities

**Sound switch – till sound
Cups of cold tea**



**The pigs use the money
to buy whisky.**

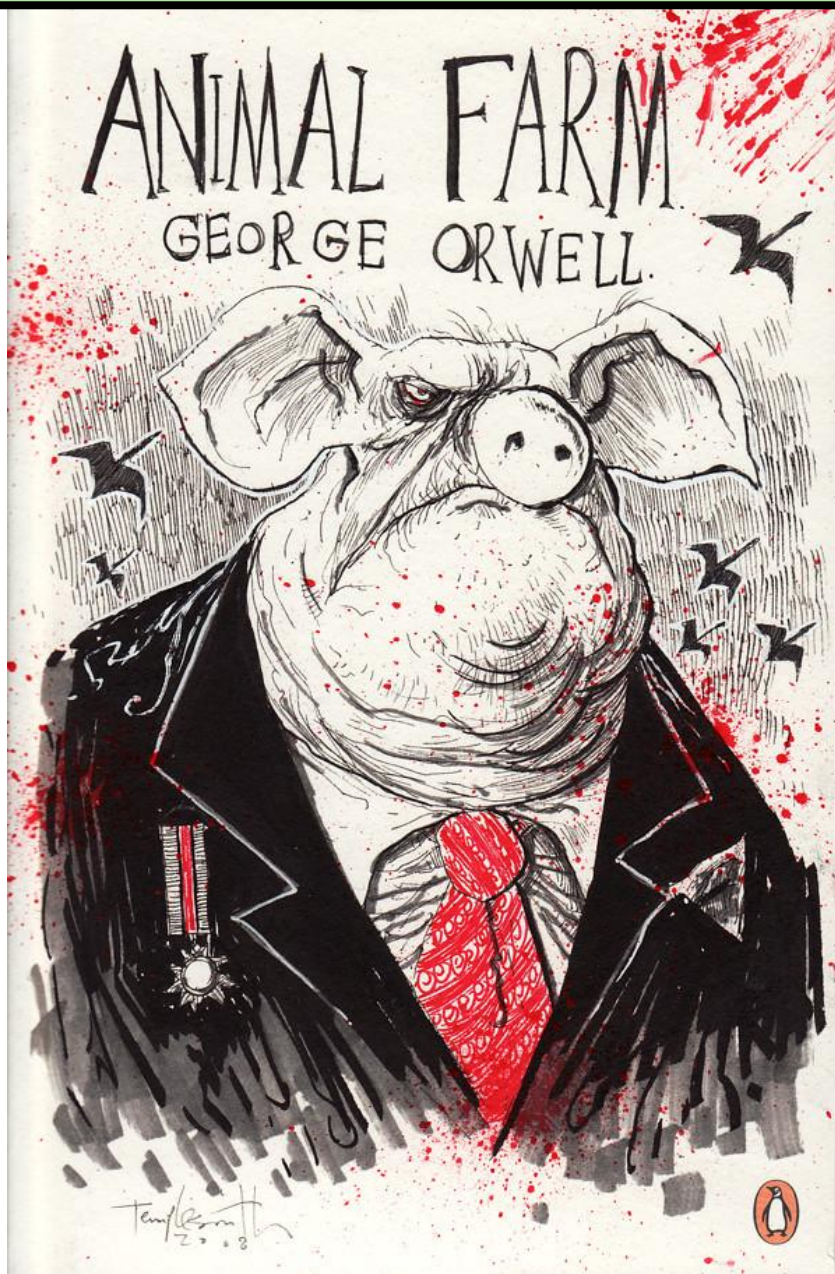


Sensory resources and activities

Children put on jackets and wellies



When the pigs start wearing clothes and living in the house, they look just like people.



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