

Introduction

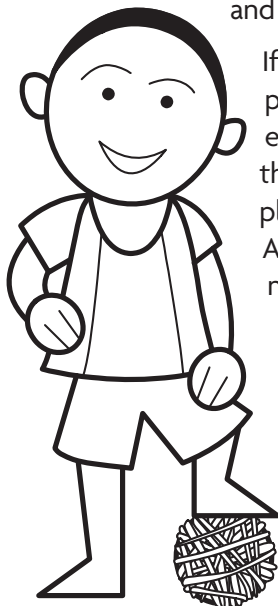


This resource enables your children to take part in fun learning activities about Africa, raise money for the work of Send a Cow – and produce a fantastic wall display as well!

The idea of 'Build an African Farmyard' is that you create, over time, a display in your school or church depicting a typical 'Send a Cow' East African small farm. To enable you to do this, the downloadable pack includes various display sheets with illustrations of farm components such as goats, crops and children playing games. Children can photocopy these, colour them in, and add textiles to them. The pack also contains facts and information about Africa and Send a Cow's work, plus ideas of how to use the display to fundraise or to learn about Africa.

More than an art project...

The display sheets have to be 'earned' by the children: either by taking part in a learning activity linked to the display sheet, or by fundraising for a certain element of Send a Cow's work. This makes the display much more than an art project - it's a visual record of what the children have learned and achieved.



If the children learn how to make plastic bag footballs, for example, they have then 'earned' the sheet illustrating children playing football for the display. As your class raises the money needed for a pair of goats, you can add the goats to your display (perhaps using fur fabric to make them more real!). You can keep adding to your display over time, allowing you to keep it up-to-date and refer to it in learning activities.

Tips on using the display sheets

The sheets can be used in any way you like, but we have suggested learning activities that link to each illustration, as well as a guide value of how much each Send a Cow element costs as part of our projects.

You can make your African Farmyard display at any scale, and involve a small group of children or a whole school.

A good place to start is with creating a 'scene' or backdrop for your display. This could be rolling hills or a red/brown foreground with banana plants and trees in the background.

Each illustration can be photocopied to A4 or enlarged to A3 to create a large display and to work in perspective into your scene.

Children can colour in the illustrations, or add textiles and other materials to enhance the display.

You might like to involve table groups in planning out some of the tasks, then get other classes to join in with larger activities.

Several children could do their own decorations of the display sheets. The best ones could be used for the display, and the others used to liven up surrounding walls.

Some of the items, such as sweetcorn plants, could be 'earned' by each child giving a small donation. They can then add their own plant to a plot on the display.



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