

Cumbria County Council  
**Chat Play Share**

**Rhymes and songs**

<https://musicbus.com/resources/song-words/song-words-t/tom-farmer/>



**Tom Farmer**

**Cows in the kitchen moo moo moo, cows in the kitchen moo moo moo, cows in the kitchen moo moo moo, that's what we do Tom Farmer.**

**Pigs in the pantry oink oink oink, pigs in the pantry oink oink oink, pigs in the pantry oink oink oink, that's what we do Tom Farmer.**

Additional verses:

*Sheep on the sofa baa baa baa, sheep on the sofa baa baa baa, sheep on the sofa baa baa baa, that's what we do Tom Farmer.*

*Hens on the hatstand cluck cluck cluck, hens on the hatstand cluck cluck cluck, hens on the hatstand cluck cluck cluck, that's what we do Tom Farmer.*

*Ducks on the dresser quack quack quack, ducks on the dresser quack quack quack, ducks on the dresser quack quack quack, that's what we do Tom Farmer.*

*Farmer in the haystack fast asleep, farmer in the haystack fast asleep, Farmer in the haystack fast asleep (SHOUT) Time to wake up Tom Farmer.*

*Out of the farmhouse shoo shoo shoo, out of the farmhouse shoo shoo shoo, out of the farmhouse shoo shoo shoo, that's what we do Tom Farmer.*

**Younger children**

This is a great song to sing when teaching your child animal sounds. If you have a book with animals in, you could point to the animal as you make the sound. Enjoy singing the song together then reiterate the different sounds if you see farm animals when out for a walk.

## **Older children**

Have fun singing the song together and make up your own actions. Vary the volume of the different verses, so be very quiet when the farmer is asleep and loud to wake him up! Explain words your child may not know the meaning of, such as dresser, hatstand and haystack.

## **Chat Play Share...Other ideas you could try....**

Share a story together about farms and chat about the pictures and story. Examples of stories:

- Farmer duck by Martin Waddell
- What the ladybird heard by Julia Donaldson
- The pig in the pond by Martin Waddell
- On the farm by Axel Scheffler
- Farmyard hullabaloo by Giles Andreae
- Noisy farm by Rod Campbell
- Over on the farm by Christopher Gunson

## **Animal signs**

Often when singing it's fun to add in actions or to learn to sign some of the words. Why not having a go at learning some Makaton signs for farm animals together by following the link below? Talk to your child about signing being another way of communicating.

[Makaton Topic - FARM ANIMALS - Singing Hands - YouTube](#)

## **Small World Play**

Small world play is a great way of supporting children to develop their speech and language skills, especially if you play with them and model new sounds/vocabulary or link the play to a particular song or book. Farm play items are widely available and even a few animals could be used with natural resources to create lots of opportunities for play or you could gather resources together to act out the song. Farm figures and vehicles are also great to use outdoors. If you start to give a running commentary as you play or introduce a story, your child may

