

Tractor & P.T.O. Safety

Objective

Learn about the various types of farm machinery and equipment that are commonly used on a farm and how the farmer must be responsible and safe when using tractors.

Props

A hi vis vest.

Getting started:

1. Seasons:

Write the four seasons on the blackboard.

Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

Now ask the children to mention key farm activities that take place in each season:

eg. Spring: lambing, calving, sowing crops, ploughing the soil / Summer: hay making, baling, etc. / Autumn: Harvest / Winter: slurry spreading (Jan/Feb), ploughing, et

Now ask the children to mention key farm machinery used during each season.

2. Tractor Driving:

It's time for some tractor work!

Choose one child to play the role of the farmer and ask them to bring their chair to the top of the class. Now ask the class to list out the various safety checks the 'farmer' must do before they start their day's work.

Now ask the 'farmer' to put on their hi vis vest and to pretend to sit into the tractor - what else must they put on at this point - their seat belt!

Remind the children why seat belts are so important.

How about rewarding the class with some fun activities, like maybe drawing their own farmyard scene! What machinery will be the farmer be using?

