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JOKE CORNER

- Q. What do you call a pig with three eyes?
A. A piiiig!
- Q. What do you get if you cross a teddy bear with a pig?
A teddy boar.
- Q. What do you give a sick pig?
A. Oink-ment.



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Acorn House Pre-school children visited a pig farm to meet these curly-tailed piggies. (Picture by Adrian Miller, 13311452)

All the fun of the farm

From little Acorns great adventures grow, as **GP Ted** found out when he joined some of his young friends at Acorn House Pre-school for an exciting outing

I WAS eager to join my friends in the Wren group at Acorn House Pre-school who had been learning all about farm animals.

As Old MacDonald is one of my favourite songs, I couldn't wait to moo, oink, quack, neigh, baa and cluck my way through the lyrics.

My young friends were very excited about going out on a visit to a farm and couldn't wait to hop aboard the minibus and meet some VIPs – very interesting pigs! Some of them may have been expecting to see Peppa and George, along with Mummy and Daddy pig, as they had never seen real pigs before.

We were all thrilled to meet our new porcine pals and couldn't believe how big they were or how cute the little piglets were. They all got very excited when we threw some food in for them. Although I must admit that this 'little piggie' is always rather pleased if someone gives me food, and I think I gobble it up just as quickly.

All too soon it was time to say goodbye and go back to school on the bus, but we won't forget our tiny trottered friends as the display board has a lovely picture of pigs in a sty – which is the proper word for an enclosed area where pigs live.

See you soon,
GP Ted

Pig tales

In honour of our new piggie pals I thought I'd root out some interesting information about them

- ◆ Pigs are very intelligent animals, apparently even smarter than dogs
- ◆ Males are called boars, females are sows and baby pigs are called piglets
- ◆ A group is called a herd
- ◆ Pigs have an excellent sense of smell
 - ◆ They use their snouts to find food, dig holes and sense what's around them
 - ◆ Pigs roll around in mud to keep cool because they don't have sweat glands
 - ◆ They communicate with other pigs by squealing and grunting
 - ◆ An adult pig can run up to 11mph
 - ◆ Pigs drink more than 60 litres of water every day

