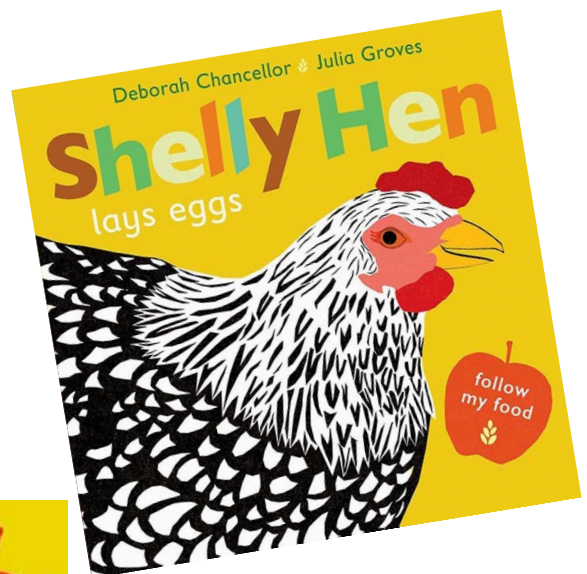


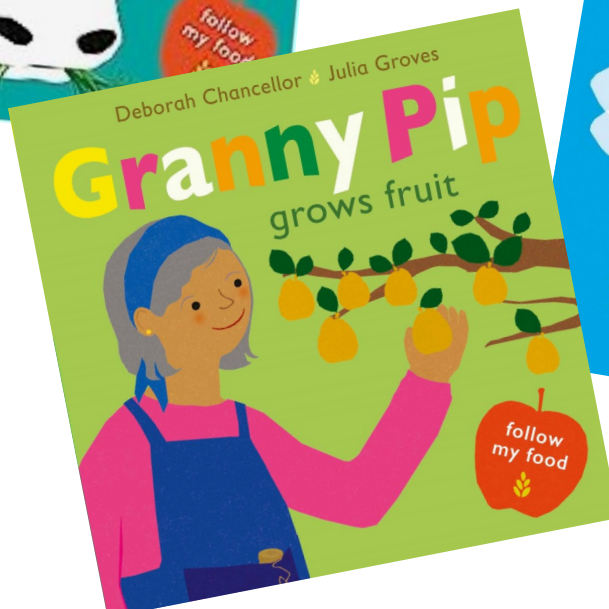
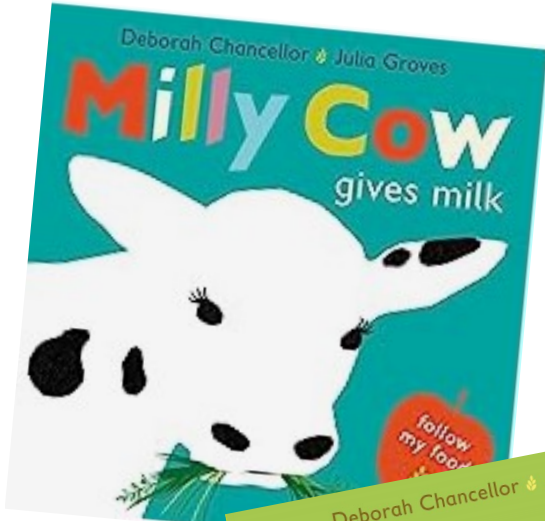
# DEBORAH CHANCELLOR

Deborah Chancellor is a prolific writer of children's fiction and non-fiction on a wide range of subjects. Her work has been translated into several languages. Deborah first trained as a primary teacher before becoming a children's book editor and author; she now juggles her time between a busy writing career and giving writing workshops to young people. She lives in Essex.

Deborah is the author of four picture books in the narrative non-fiction series 'Follow my Food'. These books encourage children to find out where their food comes from: Milly Cow Gives Milk, Polly Bee Makes Honey, Shelly Hen Lays Eggs and Granny Pip Grows Fruit.



*Shelly Hen was shortlisted for the Teach Early Years Awards 2022.*



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# EVENTS

**Cost: In person £150 + travel expenses**

**Duration: 1 hour | Group Size: By agreement | Ages 2-5 years |**

**Equipment needed: printed activity sheets, scissors, glue sticks, all age appropriate**



## Book Reading and Craft Activity

Join Deborah Chancellor for a reading of 'Follow my Food' picture books. Following the reading, Deborah will talk about topics in the books and go on to talk about how a picture book is made, from the seed of an idea to a finished book.

*Deborah with illustrator Julia Groves  
at a book launch in Cambridge  
Photo Credit: Flora Olney*



*Deborah at book talk: Photo Credit: Megan Butt*

After this, Deborah will lead a simple sequencing activity with the group, using illustrations from one of the books to encourage children to cut and stick the stages of the story into the right order. A PDF of the cut and paste activity will be supplied, to be printed on white A4 paper ahead of the event. Time at the end will be spent with a Q&A and book signing. The children can take their completed activity home.

### **Shelly Hen**

What does Shelly do next?  
1. Cut out these pictures  
2. Mix them up  
3. Put them back in the right order



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*Deborah reading in her garden  
Photo Credit: Matthew Chancellor*





# INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

The four titles in the Follow My Food series provide a useful resource for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. The books fit well with various aspects of the Key Stage 1 curriculum, for example:



## MILLY COW GIVES MILK

### **Design & Technology: Cooking and Nutrition**

- To use basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes
- To understand where food comes from

## SHELLY HEN LAYS EGGS

### **English: Writing - Composition**

- composing a sentence orally before writing it
- sequencing sentences to form short narratives
- listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently



## POLLY BEE MAKES HONEY

### **Science: Animal Survival Needs**

- \* To observe and make a record of an animal
- \* To understand that animals and the environment should be treated with care and sensitivity



## GRANNY PIP GROWS FRUIT

### **English: Knowledge and Understanding of the World**

- Explore the natural world around them, make observations and draw pictures of animals and plants
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.



Some of the books may be used seasonally, eg Summer pollination (POLLY BEE MAKES HONEY); Plant life cycle and the seasons (GRANNY PIP GROWS FRUIT); Spring/Easter (SHELLY HEN LAYS EGGS); Winter/summer farming (MILLY COW GIVES MILK)

# REVIEWS

## **PRAISE FOR THE 'FOLLOW MY FOOD' SERIES:**

'This brilliantly illustrated series is informative and fascinating for younger readers who are curious about where our food comes from and how these animals are cared for on farms and in nature.'

*Just Imagine*

'Food is a popular theme in foundation stage settings so this would be a useful book to add to school and nursery collections.' *Red Reading Hub*

'A really lovely series, stylish and great to share and a perfect introduction to farms, where our food comes from, and non-fiction texts for young children EYFS and KS1'. - *Reading Zone reviewer - 4 stars*

## **MILLY COW GIVES MILK (HB £10.99; PB £7.99)**

'A factual picture book with simplistic yet adorable illustrations that comes as one of a four-part collection showing children where their food comes from and what farms are like.' *The Big Issue, North*

'If we can connect children with the food they consume at this age then it will help their understanding and appreciation for farming and the environment as they get older... This book is a great starting point to help children understand the journey from farm to fork.'

*The Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers (RABDF)*

'Rich vocabulary reinforces new word learning.' *Just Imagine*

'Bright, clean, papercut illustrations create some striking spreads...The text is fact-filled but never dull.'

*Books for Keeps*

## **POLLY BEE MAKES HONEY (HB £11.99; PB £7.99)**

'The simple, bold illustrations are attractive and informative, and there's just the right level of detail to enable young people to understand how a jar of honey is produced.' *Booktrust*

'The bright illustrations and short bursts of clear text make this a good book to use in EYFS to help explain where our food comes from.' *The School Reading List*

## **SHELLY HEN LAYS EGGS (HB £11.99; PB £7.99)**

'Exploring where food comes from and how it reaches the table, Shelly Hen is a useful text to help EYFS and KS1 children understand how eggs are important in a balanced diet, and how important it is that the hens which lay them are treated well.' *School Reading List*

'Set young feathers fluttering with the latest enlightening and entertaining picture book in a series which helps children to understand where their food comes from... and just how precious it is. The perfect book to help explain the concept of sustainability to your budding eco-warriors.'

*Lancashire Evening Post*

## **GRANNY PIP GROWS FRUIT (HB £11.99)**

'Granny Pip Grows Fruit is the final book in the series, Follow My Food, about where our food comes from and contains themes of sustainability conveyed in an easy to understand manner for our youngest readers... Clear illustrations and spare text ensure that this is accessible to young children and could be shared aloud too.' *Library Lady*

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