

## Toosey Tails No. 2


### The Work Must Go On

(Write to Bentley Bear about something you found difficult to learn)

Hello girls & boys,

Like your teachers, parents & carers some of us must continue to go to work during these most difficult times, which means that you & I still go to school and in my book that makes us the lucky ones.



Here I am ready to learn 

The ability to be able to learn is one of the most important things in our lives, for without knowledge how are we all to succeed?

I know, for I have heard all about you and seen the photos and wonderful work you have sent to Suzy Crumble and Teddy Bear, that you are all very good students. So girls & boys, be like me and take these special lesson times very seriously, for they are sure to put us all in good stead for the future.



What wonderful students you all are!

As you now all know my name is Bentley Bear and I am the naughty Toosey living here in Tooseyland. Like you I am very young and keen and eager to learn new things every day. In fact, I make it my goal to learn something new every day, so when I was called to help on the farm yesterday, I forgot all about being naughty and leapt straight into action.



Zippy nearly asleep on the job!

Some of our frontline staff are working so very hard they cannot help but feel overtired and that is exactly what happened with our Zippy yesterday. Farming must go on, even while most of the country is shut down, for farmers must provide the food for our nation to eat and having worked non-stop for weeks on the farm, without one single day off, Zippy very nearly fell asleep on the job.

This could have been most dangerous indeed, especially as she was helping to drive a huge red tractor at the time, so to avoid disaster and to allow Zippy some time to rest they called me, to ask if I could attend some on-the-job lessons, hopefully so I would be able on the farm to lend a helping paw or two.

I leapt at the chance for I was only too willing!



This is Zippy's farmyard – look at all her equipment!

There are lots of machine's in Zippy's farmyard, all doing different but very vital jobs. Today we are going out to put some fertiliser onto one of the top fields that had been sown with Winter Wheat.

Because of all the extreme rainfall this winter, the field became flooded, so the wheat now needs our help and encouragement to grow. Would you like to come with me on my first tractor experience?



Here I am ready to learn all about the different tractors

We are taking out one of the smaller tractors with a fertiliser tub on the back. I am told this is one of the easiest tractors for me to learn all about and the fertiliser tub on the back is not too difficult to work but I have to admit to being a little worried about this great new challenge.

We are off, now which lever do I pull?



Driving along the farm track this is my view!

This is the view I see as I drive along the farm lanes to our first destination, the Reservoir Field. Each field here in Tooseyland has a different name and I am going to have to learn them all today.

Driving along with the responsibility for such a big machine is a new experience for me, I am used to the Jeep and the Gator but this is just awesome.

First you get to ride on a seat very high up and second the sheer size of this machine is unbelievable. It feels like it might runaway with me at any moment!



Spinning fertiliser on the reservoir field

Up and down the field we went, making sure we turned wide every time we came back to the edge of the field, for then we had to manoeuvre the tractor, which is no mean feat, to get it lined up correctly. This was to ensure every part of the field received the correct amount of fertiliser, not too much and certainly not too little.

There are so many computers on board, all of which you have to keep an eye on, for they tell you so much, including how fast to go and how much fertiliser is being spun out of the tub behind onto the land.

Some of the tractors also have satellite navigation, which must make it a little easier although I am told learning how to use these systems are quite difficult. I bet you could all help me to work the satellite navigation systems!





Heading back to the farmyard



Hang on tight, we are turning a corner

I was told this was the easiest tractor to drive for my first lesson but I think it must surely be one of the most difficult for I did not find it easy to remember everything I was being told.

They also called this a 'crash course' in learning how to drive but I think I must learn how to do this properly so I do not crash!

However, despite this first challenging attempt, I am not put off, in fact I am very excited about the prospect of having more lessons tomorrow. Will you help me?

You could all help by telling me all about a lesson or something you found most challenging to learn.

Perhaps it was a difficult lesson at school, I am not so good at my spelling classes, or maybe it was a something to do with an ipad, phone or computer or reading a map or maybe even like me, learning how to use satellite navigation.

Now that is something I certainly need some help with!

So how about it girls & boys, will you write to me about your difficult lesson or something you found quite challenging to do and how you overcame this?

If you prefer you could also draw a picture with some words to describe why you found the subject difficult.



Here I am looking a little worried about this great challenge for me

Meanwhile girls & boys keep safe like me, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people, wash your hands with soap and water throughout the day and wash them again as soon as you get home.

Love from your friend Bentley Bear ❤️

**Let Love be our kindness to everyone while we learn, play & grow together!**