

About

Roves Farm is a working farm open to the public. It is situated at the foot of the Wiltshire downs, on the banks of the River Cole. Its varied soils, farming methods, wildlife habitats, facilities and experienced guides make it an ideal place for educational visits that expand knowledge and gain first hand farm and countryside experiences. Roves Farm caters for groups of all ages and learning levels; **specialising in KS1 & KS2**. Every effort is made to make Roves Farm accessible to all, and our excellent indoor and outdoor facilities enable **accessibility for all abilities and disabilities**.

Topics

Topics on this page are an example of what can be covered on a trip to Roves Farm. This is by no means an exhaustive list. Please contact us to discuss your requirements. **The activities and talks on all topics can be adjusted to suit the age and level of your classes**. All visits include a meet & feed the animals session & tractor ride.

Early Years

Understanding the world, exploring new environments, looking after animals, staying safe around animals, machinery & the countryside.



Hands On Farm Theme

- Get up close to our friendly farm animals
- Explore different areas of the farm on a tractor ride
- Learn to stay safe around the farm and countryside.



Senses & New Environments

- Let's get hands on and use our senses to explore the farm
- Sights, sounds, smells & textures of the farmyard and countryside.



Care for Animals

- How do we look after animals?
- Where do different animals live?
- How should we behave around animals?
- What do they eat?

KS1 - hands on experiences covering topics such as...

Science - Explore and observe different environments and habitats

- Using your senses
- Identification of common animals, wildlife, plants and trees
- Life cycles & growth
- Who lives where?

Geography - Getting curious about the countryside and farm environment

- Who lives and works in the countryside?
- Physical farm features



Working as a Farmer

- How do we look after our animals?
- Why do we farm animals?
- How do we care for the land (*crops, machinery, wildlife*)?



Features of a Farm

- Explore a variety of farm features (*animal barns, watercourses, soils, woodlands, hedgerows & fields*) in relation to your topic.



Senses & Natural Materials

- Using our senses to explore the farm
- Explore and compare the properties of natural and man made materials on the farm.



Habitats

- Exploring & comparing habitats
- How do animals & plants depend on each other for survival?
- Food chains in different habitats



Nature ID & Classification

- Identify living things in the environment
- Classification keys
- Recording characteristics
- Identify similarities and differences in nature.



Tracking Wildlife

- Lets follow the evidence left by animals and birds on the farm
- We'll identify who has been here!
- Tracks, homes, calls & poo are just some of the signs we'll be looking for!



Life Cycles & Growth

- Life cycles in animals & nature.
- Recognising growth and development in animals
- Experiencing new life on the farm
- Looking for signs of the season.



Trees & Plants

- Tree ID, structure & growth
- Explore our hedgerows and woodlands
- Compare trees and plants in different habitats.



Signs of Spring

- Explore different habitats on the farm in search of Spring
- Baby animals, blossom, new growth and bird song... there's lots to fuel the senses in this season!



Hedgerow Harvest

- Hedgerow communities
- Food chains in the hedgerow habitat
- Fruits for harvest
- Hedgerows as important farm features

KS2 - hands on experiences covering topics such as...

Lower Science- Exploring and talking about the world around us
Upper Science - Observing, comparing & recording

- Relationships and interaction between living things
- Observing growth, changes and development in animals over time
- Life cycles of plants
- Comparing life cycle differences between mammals, amphibians, insects and birds
- Collecting and recording data in fieldwork

Geography - understanding the local area

- Identifying and understanding physical features on a farm
- Distribution of natural resources in the countryside
- Fieldwork skills
- Introducing diversification and renewable energy



Nature ID & Classification

- Identify and group living things in the environment
- Classification keys
- Relationships and interactions between living things
- Identify patterns



Land Use & Natural Resources

- Observe, identify & record the different land uses on the farm.
- How are natural resources distributed?
- Explore the idea of diversification



Renewable Energy

- See how trees can be used to heat buildings
- Learn how the sun and wind can produce electricity
- Visit a solar farm
- Why are renewable sources of energy important?



Fieldwork

- Do you have an investigation to carry out relating to farming, animals or the countryside?
- Collate your data out in the field to take back to school



Life Cycles in Animals

- How do life cycles in mammals differ from birds & insects?
- Observe how animals change as they grow
- Why do we farm animals?



Food Chains

- Interdependent relationships in nature (*produce, predator, prey*)
- Who eats who?
- Why is every part of the food chain important?



Field to Fork

- Where does our food come from?
- Farmers care for their animals to produce good quality food.
- Tracing food from farm to fork



Growth, Change & Seasons

- Farming jobs each season
- Explore the farm for signs of the season
- Compare the care different animals need in different seasons



Ponds & Rivers

- Explore the River Cole, ponds & wetland areas on the farm.
- Investigate the wildlife and plants in different environments



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Plant Life Cycles

- What do plants need to grow?
- What is pollination and why is it important?
- Understanding seed dispersal and plant structure
- From seed to plant to fruit



Minibeasts & Pollinators

- Let's go on a bug hunt!
- Minibeast habitats
 - ID our minibeast finds.
 - Why do we need minibeasts and pollinating insects?



Christmas Nativity

Christmas for all ages!

Dress up in our traditional Nativity play with real farm animals. We have plenty of costumes to fit all ages and no rehearsals needed! Santa's Grotto, Animal Sessions & Crafts.

Group Visits for Christmas activities available Weds - Sun through December.

For details see website from September onwards or telephone Reception on 01793 763939. Spaces book up fast, so enquire early to avoid disappointment.