

Countryside Day for Schools at the Manydown Estate

Wednesday 24th April 2019

9.30am to 2.30pm

The Manydown Company Ltd own a rural Estate based in the village of Wootton St. Lawrence, situated on the western boundary of the town of Basingstoke. It has been owned by the same family for almost 140 years.

The arable production is centred around a large grain store, a perfect site for the children to get close to a range of farm machinery, have fun on the weigh bridge, and meet the local Bee Keeper and his bees as they experience the large scale of modern commercial farming. Time is also spent exploring the traditional woodland, meeting the sheep flock and visiting the beef cattle units before learning about the management of the woodland.



The Countryside Day for Schools is a unique opportunity for pupils to learn about a traditional countryside estate and its place within the local community, now and in the past. The beautiful woodland, modern farm yard and stunning scenery provide an inspiring and truly memorable learning experience.

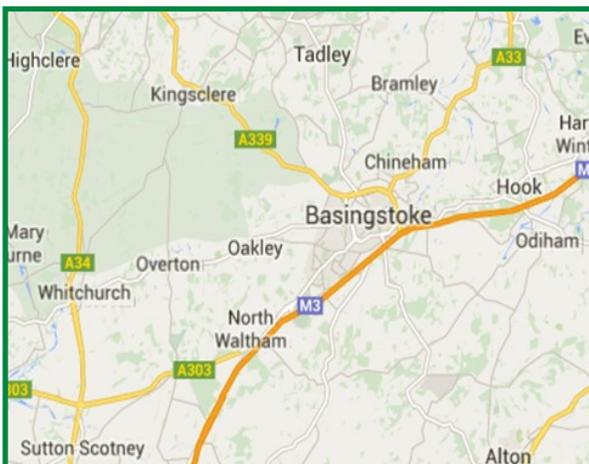
Pupils will learn about food production and countryside management. Activities will deliver and enrich many parts of the new national curriculum.

COUNTRYSIDE CLASSROOM

Attendance at the Countryside Day for Schools can only be confirmed upon the receipt of a completed booking form.

Early booking is strongly recommended to ensure your place at the event. Please contact us for a booking form, or if you require any further help or information.

How to find us



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The Countryside Day for Schools at the Manydown Estate is specifically designed to engage pupils in the working countryside and their local rural community. Activities are led by staff from the Estate enabling the pupils to meet and learn from the experts who work, manage and care for the farm animals, woodland and arable fields. Each activity is designed to enable pupils to get as hands on as is safely possible, as they learn about how the countryside must be managed to ensure that it has a sustainable future.

Format of the Countryside Day: The exact details of the activities will be confirmed at the compulsory teacher planning meeting, and can be altered to meet schools' specific needs.

The classes will enjoy 3 stories, during the course of the day including:

The field to fork story: The Manydown Estate has a large arable enterprise, and an impressive collection of machinery to give the children an appreciation of the farming calendar, and what the seasons mean to the team.

Pupils will earn what crops are grown on the estate and why. There will be a chance to grind their own wheat, and take part in the shopping basket activity, linking each of the arable crops to food that they regularly eat.

The story of livestock rearing: Meeting a shepherd and learning about the role of sheep on the farm, how they are cared for, before seeing a shearing demonstration.

Pupils will also need to jump on board the Farm's tractor & trailer for a visit to the beef herd with Farm Manager, Olly Stratford.

The story of habitat conservation: Learn all about the importance of bees to the farm with the Basingstoke Bee keepers and their observation hive. Pupils will explore the wild areas of the farm, hunt for bugs and identify the plants, learning about the Estate's habitat conservation as they go.

On site facilities

Coach and mini bus parking



Toilets



Picnic area



Support materials available



Cost

Free, although donations welcome!

Number of pupils able to attend on the day

90

Age of pupils able to attend

Key Stage 2

Teacher planning meeting

Tues 2nd April,
11.30am

The visit will deliver various core elements of the new national curriculum including:

Science- Seasonality, Food production and rearing, Life processes, physical processes and forces;
Geography- Human influences on the local environment and sustainability. **D&T**—materials and processes;
Citizenship—rural careers and responsibilities, care of the environment; **History-** Locality study.

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