



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

## Year 1 Class Visit to Mount Pleasant Farm



On **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**, Year 1 visited Mount Pleasant Farm. We left school promptly at 9.15am to board the coach for our exciting day out.

All of the children could not wait to arrive and were happily chatting away to each other about what the day may hold for them.

When we finally arrived at the farm, the children could not wait to get out and meet all of the animals and, of course, Mrs Hatch!



Mrs Hatch was waiting for us to arrive and greeted us with a warm welcome.

We then headed inside the classroom to prepare for the day.

Lunchboxes away, wellies on, we were ready to explore and see how they reuse, reduce and recycle on the farm.



Our first stop was to visit the chickens. We had to collect their eggs (18 altogether), feed them, and of course, give them a little stroke!



Whilst visiting the chickens, we found out that the farm

uses rain water for the chickens to drink, therefore reusing water and reducing waste. This is something which we will look to do more of at school especially as Birmingham seems to get a lot of rain!



Our next stop was to see the sheep and lambs. We were able to also feed these animals as they have no front teeth therefore would not bite!



Mrs Hatch shared with us the different ways in which a sheep's coat can be reused: jumpers, scarves, hats, gloves. The children were really engaged and asked lots of questions in relation to this. The children even talked about doing knitting at school on the coach journey home!



After seeing the sheep and lambs, we were off to visit Pinky and Perky—the pigs!



Mrs Hatch informed us that we would not be able to feed these as they have forty – four teeth and may accidentally bite us!

We learnt that pigs are very noisy eaters and eat extremely quickly.

Soon after, it was time for our lunch but the learning didn't stop there. We thought we were already very good at recycling at our school but the children soon realised there are so many more things we can be recycling at school to look after our environment and prevent waste.



During the lunch break we also milked the cow, weighed the eggs and bought some souvenirs from the gift shop!



Once lunch was over, it was time to see the cows. We watched a short video clip of how the cows are milked each day and the

children were amazed to find out that the milk from Mount Pleasant Farm goes to Tesco!



We found out that the farm reuses a lot of food sources, such as: grass, barley, wheat and bread. The children loved looking through the old bread to find out which shops the bread had come from.

Our last stop of the day was back to the classroom, but before this we definitely had to experience the welly wash!



We may have left with muddy knees and faces but we most definitely had an amazing day. Thank you so much for having us at Mount Pleasant Farm. We left with lasting memories and plenty of ideas of how we can make a positive change in our environment. We can't wait to share all of our new ideas with our friends and families.