



Barnham CEVC Primary School

COUNTRYSIDE WEEK EDITION

What an amazing Countryside Week we had! We spent the whole week learning about the beautiful and productive land that surrounds our school!

The week gave all of our children the opportunity to research and investigate different aspects of life in the countryside and to plan to questions to ask our visiting experts. Our visitors were just amazed at the level of the children's questions!

Our week started with children in Year 4, 5 and 6 having the opportunity to learn about gun safety and to have a go at the Olympic sport of air rifle shooting!



"I have never ever done this before and I got 10 in the target! I can't believe it!" Owen C

"I wasn't too good to begin with but I did improve as I went on!" Lucy

You can see more photographs and read more here:

<https://www.suffolknews.co.uk/thetford/special-week-sees-pupils-immersed-in-learning-about-beautif-9318299/>

On Tuesday, Squirrel Class visited the grounds of the beautiful Euston Hall where archivist Edward Wortley shared with us the history of the hall and establishment of the Duke of Grafton title.



"It was incredible; I never thought I would see it! I didn't even know it was there and the chance to see it was incredible. Half of the house was burnt down in 1902, the fire started in the library." Reuben

"The watermill used to be an actual water mill and then it became a corn mill and now it stands still. I found it interesting to look at the old machinery in the mill and that it was still there." Edie

"The bridge was built by a famous artist and it is really small, the breeze and calm space by the river was really good. There were swans surrounding the bridge. It was really cool to look at it." Kayleigh

On Wednesday, Hedgehog, Mole, Badger and Fox Class' found out all about the journey from seed to shelf of four different Breckland vegetables! Mary-Anne from Abrey Farms and Mr Hawthorne shared with us how they are grown and harvested. Did you know that two of the vegetables even go to McDonalds? The potatoes and onions that make chips and onion rings could have grown right next to our school! Tasting the different vegetables was definitely very popular!



"I don't like parsnips, I only like chips." Joe

"I liked it when I ate the rawed carrot. The tractors were so big, the wheel was bigger than me, Amelia measured it, I did not know it was that big!" Dotty

"It was really good, I learnt loads of different things! I liked taking pictures with Miss Anderson and I liked the carrots the best." Kenny

On Thursday we were delighted to see two new tractors on our back field! Ian, from Euston Estate told us all about the important job the plough does. Ollie told us so many interesting facts about the seed drill.



“Ian’s tractor has air-conditioning and gives him a massage! The horn doesn’t sound MAAHMAAAH its little instead like beep beep. On the front, it has a weight block so if it had a really heavy trailer or something on the back it won’t do wheelies everywhere and tip up. Ollie’s seeds smelled like BBQ and fire ash I think because it had coating to stop it growing bacteria and help it grow. The seed drill has 12 like slidy huts that you put the seeds in and then in the tractor Ollie makes them go on the ground.” Austen

“Ian’s tractor cost £320,000! It can pull 12 tonnes. The plough has blades that dig in the earth and turn it upside down. The Ollie can use his drill. He puts seeds in containers along the drill and when he’s ready he flicks a switch and it drops seeds as he goes along. The seed drill had a chain that makes it work like a bike” Jasper

Our week ended with a whole school outdoor sharing assembly; representatives from each class shared their class' learning experinces and activties from the week! It was wonderful to have so many families come along and hear all about our learning adventures!



Our final learning experience of the week focussed on livestock, with Chris Reeks and Lisa from La Hogue Farms sharing with us the fascinating world of sheep and shepherding! We were so impressed with the dual language sheepdog, Rob, and loved watching him follow commands in English and German!

