



Year 2 – National Forest Adventure Farm

June 2024

This June we went to visit the National Forest Adventure Farm in Staffordshire.

We went on a double decker bus and arrived at 10.00am.

First we went to see the animals. We saw a wide variety of farm animals including goats, cows, sheep and horses. The children learnt the difference between the adult and the baby, looking at the difference in sizes and names. After guidance from our guide Lottie, the children were able to feed the goats. They made sure they held their hands flat so that the goats didn't nibble their fingers! Some of the goats were very greedy and tried to eat the food from Lottie's bucket!

In the barn we saw smaller animals including rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens and budgerigars. At the petting table, everyone got the opportunity to stroke a guinea pig. The children learnt the correct way to stroke the guinea pig – head to toe. Lots of children enjoyed the sensation, describing the guinea pig's fur as soft and fluffy.

The Adventure Farm has a wide variety of play equipment, inside and out. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to play together with different friendship groups and experience different equipment that they wouldn't necessarily come across at their local park. Some children were brave and resilient when trying out this different equipment and challenged themselves beyond their comfort zone.

Lunch was a lovely social affair as everyone ate their packed lunches together.

After lunch both classes went on the tractor ride and toured round the farm. We saw lot of farm animals in the fields and enjoyed a bumpy ride!

The next day, the children wrote a recount of their trip (TAF – Write about real events), including what they enjoyed the most.

Many children commented on how much they had enjoyed the trip. The highlights were feeding the 'greedy goats', stroking the guinea pigs and going down the blue slide which was very steep!

