



## Year 1 – Countryside Autumn Visit

October 2023

A muddy, soggy visit in the local countryside in October. As part, of the children’s Geography topic and to enjoy and appreciate nature.

A short coach journey from Derby suburbs in to the country was great fun with lots of singing and excited children.

We met the farmers at Trusley Pumpkin patch and learnt about farming. The children learnt that in Modern Britain many farmers are both male and female and that they can both do farming jobs equally and as good as each other. The children gained an appreciation of farming and that it involved hardwork in all weathers and takes lots of patience in waiting for crops to grow.

They learnt how some crops grow on the surface including some giant Pumpkins and some crops such as potatoes grow underground. They saw that the crops had mud and soil on them and they looked a bit different from the vegetables they see in the supermarket.

The children showed great resilience in trying to find the centre of the “Maize Maze”. Isla was delighted when she found the Golden Pumpkin. The children sat on vintage tractors and played lots of games and picked a Pumpkin each.

Later in the day, the children were ready for a picnic lunch at Dalbury Village hall before a walk round the village to see how it was different to Mickleover. Their learning about maps and plans through Geography really helped them apply their learning.

They learnt that a walk in the countryside is good for their physical and emotional well-being.

Upon the return to school the children made Pumpkin art work and read stories about farming. The parent helpers commented upon how respectful the children were with each other and on how well they behaved.

