



## Information Pack for Pre-schools



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## **Learning Farm**

Learning Farm is an amazing place for pre-school children because of the space. Acres of space are something that many young children do not experience at pre-school or at home. Under guidance they can pick flowers, tree leaves, crop plants, grasses and berries which enrich their experience further.

## **What you can do at Learning Farm**

A typical visit includes a small farm walk which will take the children through a grass field with cattle or sheep in it and an arable field with a crop growing in it. The children can have a go at digging in the field, look at the crop plants and depending on the time of year harvest a few stems of wheat. Often we incorporate a walk through our new woodland where children can do a scavenger hunt, collect leaves, make a dream catcher or a story stick or get involved in a nature art project. Pond dipping is also a very popular activity for pre-schools where small groups of 4 children do 20 minutes of pond dipping whilst the rest of the group do other activities in the vicinity. We have lots of available activities but if you have any specific ideas or requirements then please let us know, we can be very flexible.



## Pre-school activities at Learning Farm

### Outside

- 🌿 Pond dipping
- 🌿 Sweep netting and using pooters
- 🌿 Leaf collecting
- 🌿 Making dream catchers
- 🌿 Farm walk and journey sticks
- 🌿 'we're going on a bear hunt'
- 🌿 Bark and leaf rubbing
- 🌿 Camouflaged caterpillar
- 🌿 Nature sculptures
- 🌿 Hide and seek
- 🌿 Digging in soil and planting seeds

### Inside

- 🌿 Nature art using things collected around the farm
- 🌿 Bird masks
- 🌿 Flappy dragon flies
- 🌿 Grinding wheat & making bread
- 🌿 Stain glass window butterflies and bugs

Woodland dream catcher



Nature art



Camouflaged caterpillar



## Early Years Foundation Scheme

We fully support the Early Years Foundation Scheme guidance at Learning Farm, working in the four key areas:

1. A unique child
2. Positive relationships
3. Enabling environments
4. Learning and development

In particular we provide a new environment for learning, an outdoor environment, physical development, learning through experience and making connections.



## **Farm information**

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## **Booking a visit**

Please contact Saya to discuss your requirements and to book a visit. We have some funding available for 2 hour visits which you may be eligible for.

## **How to get here**

Manor Farm is in the middle of the village of Owston, immediately opposite the point where middle street meets main street. At this T-junction turn right and enter the farm yard through the yard gate that is half way down the hill on the left hand side. A location map can be printed from our website.

## **On arrival**

When you arrive at Manor Farm there is room in the farm yard for buses and/or cars to park and turn around. Someone will meet you on the road side near the farm entrance and point out a suitable parking places. When the children are off the bus or out of cars then the group will assemble in the farm yard near the farm house where toilets are available.

## **Facilities**

We have toilets and hand washing facilities as well as a field studies room in the farm yard. The field studies room is heated and provides a good place for picnics if it is too cold or wet to be outside, doing more detailed study linked to the visit and if the weather is truly awful then we can do some inside activities relating to the farm. Disabled access toilets are available but disabled access around the farm is limited.

## **Risk Assessment**

We have risk assessments available for all activities at Learning Farm, please enquire.