

Blue Room took a wet and rainy trip to City Farm on Wednesday morning. Despite the miserable weather both the children and adults seemed excited about our first class trip. We began by getting dressed into waterproofs and warm clothes and made a circle on the carpet to talk about how to keep safe during our venture outside of nursery. When we walked into the reception area we grouped again and made sure we had everything we needed. The children helped Jay count how many children we had by saying the number names aloud (we counted up to 15!).



On our way to the farm, we kept each other safe by holding hands with a grown up and remembering to use our 'walking feet'. Conversations were flowing between adults and children as we discussed our favourite animals and wondering what animals we might see at the farm. When we arrived at the farm we immediately noticed a chicken coop with a number of chickens and roosters. "Chickens!", some children shouted out as they began trying to entice the animals closer. We were then drawn to the pond and ducks, who seemed very hungry and a little sad that we did not have any food for them. Here the children and adults found out

that bread is like fast food for ducks and it is not good for ducks to eat!



Next we visited a group of goats who seemed a little shy. After asking the children what we could do to make them come out of their pen, some children suggested singing some songs! We all sang 'Incy wincy spider' and 'Twinkle twinkle little star', but the goats stayed inside...until.... 1 little goat came out to see us! We took turns to use our 'gentle hands' to stroke and touch the goat. The children seemed to love this interaction as their faces were full of joy and wonder.

After this we walked to some paddocks which had 2 large Jacob's sheep, where we talked about their large horns and how we use wool for clothes and hats!



It was now time to wash our hands and find shelter for our snack. Due to the wet weather, City Farm kindly let us use their community room to relax, sip hot chocolate, nibble biscuits and share conversations.

The children listened closely to their friends talk about their favourite animals and commented and asked questions about what they have observed at the farm. We all joined in singing 'Old Macdonald had a farm' to end our snack time and ventured into the adventure playground where we played '1,2,3, Where are you?' and slid down a very slippery slide!



We all arrived safely back at nursery and settled down on the carpet to hear Jay read us 'The Pig in the Pond', where we giggled and reminisced about the different farm animals that we saw that day.

We had a fantastic time at City Farm and learnt so much about farm animals and the wider world! The Blue Room team would personally like to thank City Farm, all parents, carers and volunteers who contributed their time and enthusiasm on this special outing. Your support is truly appreciated – we couldn't have done it without you!



The next trip for morning children is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February (8:45-11:30am) at Pets at Home in Eastgate Retail Park, where we will have the opportunity to meet some furry friends up close and personal! We really need adult helpers to join us again, so if you are available please use the sign-up sheet outside the classroom or tell a member of Blue Room.

The team are currently planning trips for afternoon children which will take place next term. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer your time, please come and speak to Victoria or Elizabeth.