

**TEACHING ABOUT FARMING AND THE COUNTRYSIDE IN THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM AT KEY STAGE 1
OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES FROM THE INTERNET**

HISTORY CURRICULUM LINKS

2b Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past b identity differences between ways of life at different times	
6a Breadth of Study a changes in their own lives and the way of life of their family or others around them	
SUGGESTED TEACHING ACTIVITIES	
<p><i>QCA suggested units:</i> <i>2 What were homes like a long time ago?</i> <u>In the classroom</u> Many UK communities were based on agriculture in the past. Families were not dependent upon supermarkets but grew their own vegetables and even kept small animals for food. Pupils use photographs (family, local museum etc) and other evidence, of local people and places from the 19th and 20th centuries and observe how people lived in the past. <u>School grounds and immediate surroundings</u> Pupils use their local environment to observe and survey homes of different ages Very simple census material (numeracy opportunities)– to show that workers in the past occupied the land, what were the occupations in the local area in the past and what are the occupations today? <u>Living History</u> Invite an older person in the local community (could be a retired farmer) to explain how we lived and what farming was like long ago. Pupils devise questions (literacy) to ask prior to the visit. The Women’s Food and Farming Union provide speakers to talk to pupils. A request to target History and how farms and farming has changed in the speakers lifetime can be made. <u>School visit</u> County museums, farm museums and some NT properties have organised activities for this unit</p>	
RESOURCE LINKS	
<p>FACE LINKS – Farm Profiles Farm as Living classroom Link to Reading University Museum of Rural Life for photographic sources VISITS National Trust main website www.nationaltrust.org.uk for possibilities within the regions</p>	<p>The address and contacts for regional farm museums and county museums are found on county tourist and information websites For details about rural areas try www.ukvillages.co.uk VISITING SPEAKERS_ Women’s Food and Farming Union www.wfu.org.uk</p>

