

Farm Report – by Madeleine M

On Wednesday 26th of June, 25 Year 7 Allenbourn pupils spent a lovely sunny day at Launceston Farm, just outside Blandford in the Tarrant Valley, to make connections between food, farming and nature.

We were shown into the workshop, where we learnt all about what it means to be an organic farm and what they do to help the environment. Then we set off into the beautiful fields. We swept for bugs, finding some of the first ladybirds of the year - which was really important as they are used instead of pesticides. We also spotted some shimmering blue weevils and intricate orb spiders.

After identifying our finds, we went to visit the 'Super Cows'. The beef suckler herd has been specifically bred to be a perfect size and lovely temperament. Everyone loved seeing all the animals on the farm but the cows were a particular favourite, closely followed by the pigs and the horses.

Next, we walked back to the workshop for lunch. We learnt about how the farm's wheat is turned into flour by the mill, and how we would be using some to make pizzas! Whilst they were in the oven, we fussed around the adorable dogs and listened, with interest, to how the farm was run. Once the pizzas were ready, we took them to a sunny field to eat – they were delicious!

It was a fabulous day, and we are all really grateful to Mrs Mason, Mrs Prout and Mr Daw for giving us this opportunity.