

# Clementsmount Fun Farm

## Teachers notes

A visit to Clementsmount Fun Farm is a unique experience, combining fun, exploration and learning. The Fun Farm is an excellent resource for schools engaged in the Northern Ireland primary school curriculum.

### What happens on the tour?

Our guided tour is tailored to your needs and to meet objectives of the curriculum. Pupils will be taken on a journey of discovery around the farm and will see a range of animals and plants. They will have the opportunity to handle animals in the petting barn, feed lambs in the spring, visit ducks, hens, goats, ponies, pigs, cows, sheep, take part in a nature trail and search for mini-beasts.

We also have a range of play activities including an outdoor trim trail, indoor soft play area, football and sand diggers.

### How does the tour relate to the Key Stage 1 and 2 curriculum?

It encourages children to explore a range of educational subjects about plants and animals and introduces them to environmental issues and the connectedness of nature.

Pupils will be introduced to a variety of plants and animals, identify their characteristics, investigate features used to group animals, find out about animals and their young, see how animals grow, feed, move, and where they live, discuss the use of colour in the natural environment and identify seasonal changes. In addition, pupils can develop skills in classifying animals, find out about the lifecycles of a frog and a hen and learn about the relationships between plants and animals in our environments.

### Resource pack

To maximise the educational value of your visit we have produced a worksheet resource pack that can be downloaded from our website. [www.clementsmountfunfarm.co.uk](http://www.clementsmountfunfarm.co.uk)

### What skills are involved?

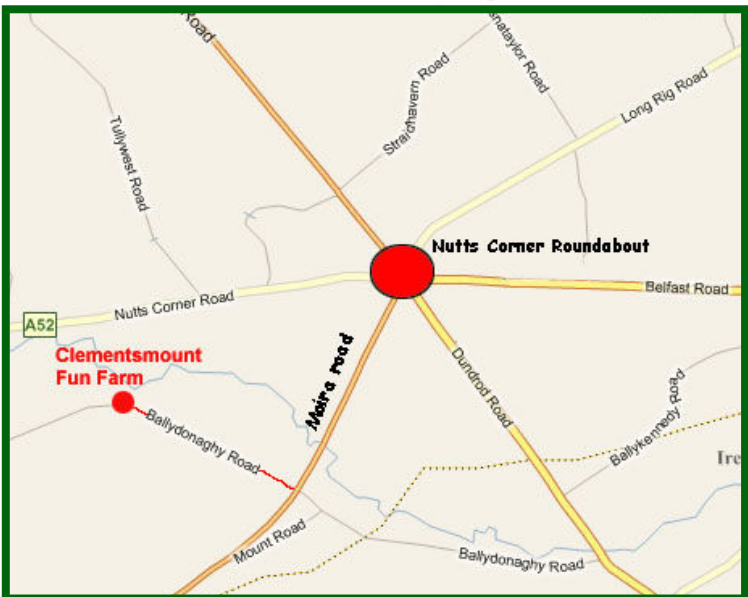
Asking and answering questions, interpreting data, working with others, sequencing, picture drawing, numeracy, recording data, social awareness, communication, discussion, classifying, observing, making comparisons and understanding charts.

If you need any further information please have a look at our website or contact us by telephone, email or at the address below. We look forward to hearing from you.



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### Fun Farm location

Clementsmount Fun Farm is located at 50 Ballydonaghy Road, Crumlin.

From the Nuttscorner roundabout take the Moira road past the Nuttscorner market site. Take the Ballydonaghy Road on the right and follow it until you see the Fun Farm sign at the top of the farm lane. We have plenty of parking for cars and buses.

### On arrival

The teacher in charge should report to the tea room to confirm group details. Groups will be met by a guide and directed to the appropriate starting point for their chosen tour.

### Discipline and safety

Teachers remain responsible for the discipline of pupils at all times. Pupils **MUST NOT** be allowed to run around the buildings or grounds on their own. We ask that there is a minimum of one adult per ten children for the visit.

### Lunches

If the weather is unfavourable, schools bringing their own lunches may use the party room to eat their meal. In good weather, outdoor options include a grassed area and picnic benches.

### Toilet facilities

There are plenty of toilets available including disabled facilities.

### Clothing

Part of the tour is conducted outside. Please ensure pupils are dressed accordingly.

### Duration of tour

The tour will take approximately 2 hours. Groups are welcome to use the Fun Farm facilities after the tour.

### Opening times

Teachers can book any weekday during term time.

### Booking

Please book in advance by telephoning 028 944 22 824 or by emailing [info@clementsmountfunfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@clementsmountfunfarm.co.uk) Please let staff know what time you expect to arrive at the Fun Farm and what time you need to depart.

### Payment

Payment should be made in cash or by cheque made payable to 'Clementsmount FunFarm'.

Pupils: £4.00

One accompanying adult with every five children: Free