

Earthwise

Summary of project

Working in partnership with <u>The Community Farm</u>, an Organic, community-owned farm in Chew Magna, <u>Earthwise</u> deliver a programme of educational farm visits for school and community groups. Alongside these, they also offer food and farming themed assemblies and outreach visits in schools across Bristol, Bath and Somerset.

Who is involved

Claire Rosling is the founder of Earthwise and leads the outreach visits to schools. She has been running farm visits and outreach days in schools for over six years. For more information about Claire and her qualifications please <u>click here</u>.



How are the children involved?

Earthwise's outreach visits are very interactive, facilitating the children's learning about food and farming through hands-on activities and games. A few examples include picking veggies in the school garden to prepare into a seasonal snack; games exploring what plants need to grow healthily or how pollination works; and investigating the origins of recognisable food items at a mock dinner table, calculating food miles and sustainability implications.

How is the project linked to food and farming?

Through her close working relationship with The Community Farm, Claire has an in-depth understanding of Organic fruit and vegetable production, the importance of farming in harmony





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with wildlife and the challenges Organic farmers face in growing our food. Outreach activities with school groups span all of these topics and where possible we also get the children harvesting crops from their school garden to prepare into a seasonal snack in the classroom.

How is the project linked to the school curriculum?

All of Earthwise's outreach activities are Primary curriculum linked and they work closely with teachers to select activities that tie in with what children are exploring in class, thus reinforcing their learning.

Positive outcomes

Through their work with schools, Earthwise aims to provide children with a better understanding and connection to the food that we eat, where it comes from and how it is grown. Through getting hands-on with the whole journey of food - growing, picking, cooking and eating, children are often more open to trying something new and can start to develop a life-long healthy relationship with food.





For more information about Earthwise's work with schools please visit getearthwise.co.uk.

