Initial teacher trainees from Derby Teaching Schools, Chellaston and Alfreton SCITTs enjoyed a day at Matlock Meadows Farm in Derbyshire.

A packed programme included how to plan a farm visit, supporting teaching resources, opportunities to try out lots of hands-on classroom activities and a fantastic tour of the farm with host Farmer Mick Dakin.

The trainee teachers left the day feeling more confident and excited to take a future class on a farm visit. They could see the benefits to pupils learning and over all wellbeing as well as the learning opportunities that can take place out on a farm.

And we had delicious Matlock Meadows ice cream to finish!

“Really interesting and huge fun”

“Good to link real world examples to theories we teach in the classroom.”

“I loved making butter and grinding wheat. What a great experience for children.”

“All the activities were hands-on and linked perfectly to the curriculum. The expertise from the farmer during the walk was invaluable.”

“A practical and invaluable day for our next generation of teachers”