



## The Farmer

Russell Scott is a Beef and Sheep farmer based in Newtownstewart, Northern Ireland. As a supplier of lamb to Sainsbury's, he was inspired to sign up to FaceTime a Farmer after attending the Sainsbury's Farming Conference in 2018. Russell stated that, "using modern technology to connect farms and schools is a great idea as it fits perfectly into a farmers' day as no travelling is required."



## The School

Whitley Abbey Primary School is in Coventry, Faye McIntosh was encouraged to sign up by her Head Teacher after receiving a promotional email from LEAF Education. Faye, who teaches children in EYFS, was keen to participate in the project to enhance her project, 'Life on the Farm'.

## The Sessions

Although connectivity was an issue, Faye and Russell were able to continue with their first call by using visual prompts to support the questions that the children wanted to ask. Russell focused on the sheep in his first call, the children had many questions and were fascinated by the lambs. Russell told the children all about how the sheep are sheared and the timings of the livestock feeds throughout the day. Faye commented, "I learned a lot about working on a farm myself and it was really interesting how little some of the children knew about farms." This was a useful assessment of the children's knowledge prior to the learning scheduled for their topic and allowed Faye to measure the impact at the end of their project about 'Life on the Farm'.

## Impact



Russell enjoyed his first FaceTime a Farmer session and believes all farmers should be encouraged to sign up as it is so easy to participate in, fitting perfectly into a farming day. He states that, "it is so important to educate children when they are young about where their food comes from." Faye is enthusiastic about the initiative's ability to, "enhance children's understanding further and allow them to link learning to real life."

Further information about this initiative and how your school or farm can become involved can be found at [www.leafuk.org/facetimeafarmer](http://www.leafuk.org/facetimeafarmer)

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Thank you to Russell Scott and Whitley Abbey Primary School