



CONNECT WITH THE COUNTRYSIDE

DISCOVERY & LEARNING FOR YEARS 5 & 6

A FREE EDUCATIONAL DAY AT THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND, ARDINGLY, WEST SUSSEX



A total countryside experience

Connect with the Countryside offers your pupils an engaging and interactive opportunity to learn all about **food, farming, the countryside and the environment**. The many 'hands-on' activities support the **National Curriculum** and will help your pupils find out about food production and the countryside.

The day includes 'The Sheep Show' – a fun and educational look at different breeds of sheep and the process involved in turning a fleece into a jumper, a live shearing demonstration and the 'Sheep Show Shuffle'.

What happens next?

If you would like your school to take part in Connect with the Countryside, please request a booking form from Debbie Wood, Education Development Executive at education@seas.org.uk.

Please note: places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Once we have confirmed your booking we will invite you to a Teachers' Briefing at the South of England Showground on **Thursday 25 April 2019** at 4.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about the event, plan your visit, book sessions and ask any questions. Health and Safety information will be provided and the session will finish with a tour of the Showground site so that you can carry out a risk assessment.

"This is my first time at this event and it's fantastic! The children are learning a lot about where their food comes from, different animals and it's a great day out and curriculum enrichment at the end of the school year."

A teacher from Hamsey Primary School near Lewes

Four special zones include:

- 1. Livestock**, where pupils can meet a range of farm animals, from Sussex Beef bulls to chickens.
- 2. Horticulture and Food**, where pupils can learn about healthy food, taste local tomatoes and peppers, 'have a go' on a smoothie bike and discover how honey, bread and butter and cheese are made.
- 3. Wildlife and Recreation (Indoor)** experience corn dolly making, seed sowing, a bat hospital and horse racing education.
- 4. Wildlife and Recreation (Outdoor)** including gun dog training, fly fishing, hedge laying, forestry and conservation.

Plus: The Sheep Show, Pony Club Display and a Birds of Prey demonstration.

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