

Love British Food case studies to learn from: Beech Hill Primary School, Newcastle Upon Tyne

Why did they source British?

- Beech Hill Primary is an Outstanding National Support School with over 300 pupils
- The school got fully into the spirit of Love British Food's Bring Home the Harvest campaign
- They took part not only in the National Harvest Service, but they also entered into the Search for Harvest Heroes competition, which they won!

How did they get involved?

- Lots of activities took place over the whole term to be ready for the National Harvest Service
- To coincide with the harvest and work they were doing on WW1, the children researched the food grown in allotments across the country
- Also, they visited a local care home to listen to the resident's memories of growing up and life during the War
- From this pupils thought about things to grow and recipes to cook
- A WW1 afternoon was held where the residents were invited to enjoy a meal using our produce grown on the school's allotment and entertaining them with our songs and poems
- Other activities have included:
 - Year Three children learning about the process of 'Farm to Fork' through the Tesco Eat Happy Project



- Year 6 children taking part in a healthy eating workshop, where they discovered the importance of a healthy breakfast and made their own fruit granola

- A visit to local producer, Northumbrian Cheese Company, to discover how cheese is made

- The school's Gardening Club designing and making a scarecrow to protect our crops from the birds

- The creations of art work, harvest poetry and prayers

- A bread maker visiting the school to help the children make a Harvest bread sheaf and a selection of bread buns

- Holding a traditional market to sell our harvest goods and produce to parents, to teach children about money and gain entrepreneur skills in the process

- A Harvest Thanksgiving assembly was led by the Rev Juliet Wigglesworth, where traditional songs were sung and the children shared their poems and poetry

What have they achieved?

- All produce donated was shared amongst the local community.
- The pupils enjoyed an immersive experience in which they learnt important lessons about eating British, sustainability, and all in collusion with their school lessons.