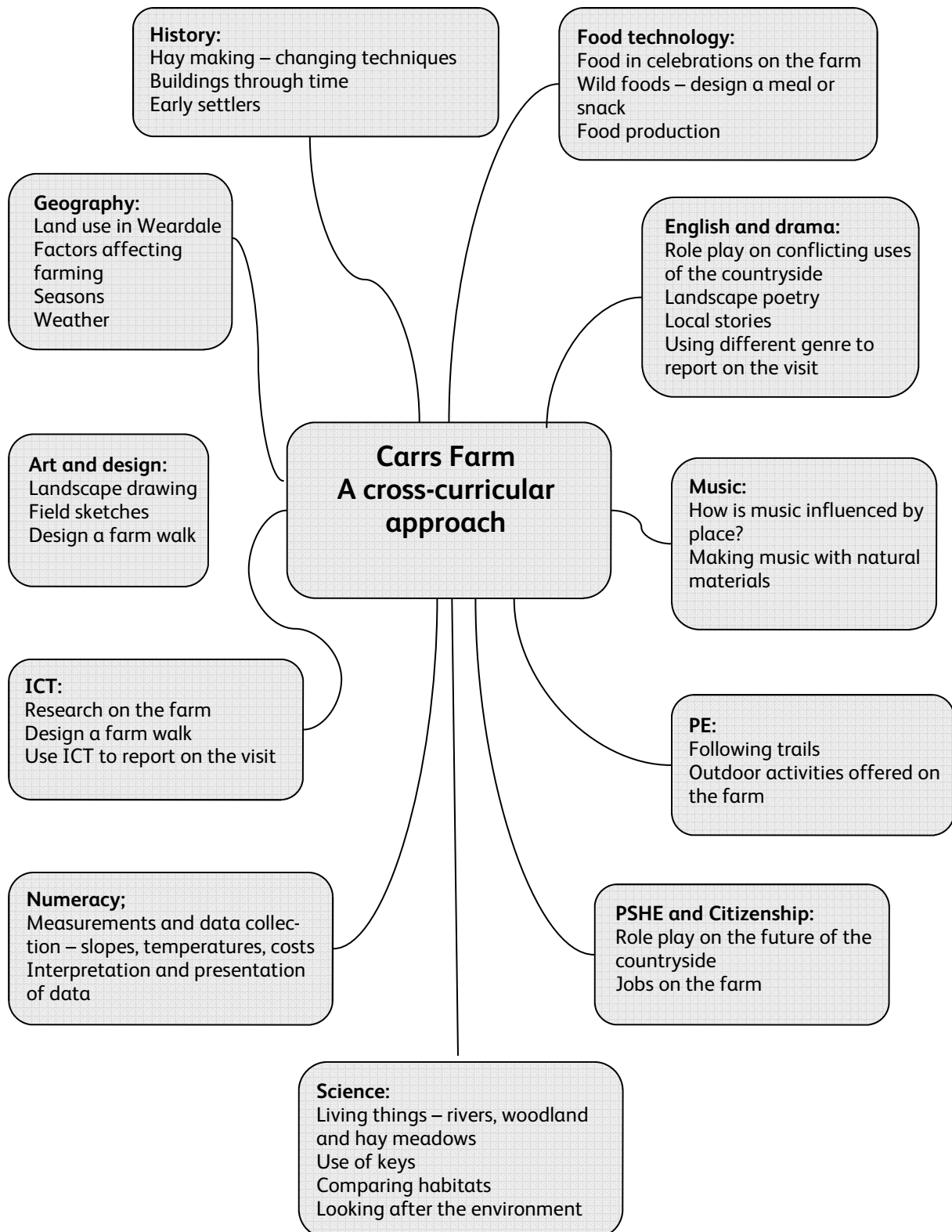




Primary education at Carrs Farm

Carrs Farm provides an excellent outdoor classroom for cross-curricular studies at the primary age-range. The diagram below illustrates the possible areas of study.



A number of the areas from the above diagram have been selected and form the basis of the primary education materials produced for Carrs Farm.

The materials are based on an initial farm walk starting from the eastern side of the farm, from the top of Wear Bank and finishing at the farm buildings. Included in the morning session is an interview with the farmer. The afternoon session is designed to be more hands-on and there are seven planned and resourced activities to choose from. These include:

- Investigating the factors affecting farming
- Early settlers in Weardale – a way of life.
- Woodland mini-beasts
- Stream mini-beasts
- Celebrating hay meadows
- A sensory walk
- Art and poetic inspiration in an ancient woodland

An example day

10.00am	Arrive at the top of Wear Bank (GR: NY 074357)
10.00am – 11.30am	Farm walk finishing at Carrs Farm (GR: NY 063357)
11.30am – 12.00 noon	Meet the farmer
12.00 Noon – 12.30pm	Lunch (This could be in the bunkhouse or the picnic area)
12.30pm – 2.30pm	Activity: Celebrating hay meadows
2.30pm	Depart – Pick up from the farm or walk back to Wear’s Bank, through Towdy Potts and Ashes House, for pick up at GR: NY 074367.

Timings of a visit can be adapted to fit the needs of individual schools. The number and combination of activities undertaken can also be varied.