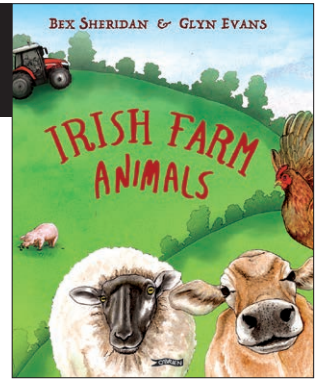


Cows and Beef Pages 8-11



The cow is a very important farm animal. It provides us with the main ingredient for many of our favourite dishes.

Make a list of all the dishes you enjoy that would not be possible without beef.

Decide which is your favourite dish. Ask a parent or guardian to help you to create a colourful recipe card to show how all the ingredients are used to make the dish.

In Ireland cows are eaten. However, in India, cows are sacred and are not eaten.

If we are going to eat cows, does it really matter how they are treated?

In groups, decide why animal welfare is important and what it means for the farmer.

Different breeds of cows can be recognised by their different markings and colour.

Use the blank cows to create a marking guide for one each of the main dairy and beef breeds found on Irish farms.

Don't forget to add a little information on the breed as well.



The Cow's Tale/Tail

Cows are naturally curious animals and will investigate anything that enters their field.

Each evening, perhaps they entertain each other with tales of what they discovered during the day and the adventures they had.

Use your imagination to create one of these tales. Write it as a comic story.

A 'geep' is a hybrid sheep and goat. What new animal would you create?

Use your imagination to create a new hybrid. Draw a picture of it. Give it a name and explain what it might be useful for.

The bull can be a dangerous animal. Can you make a warning poster for the farmer to put on the gate?

