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MY WILD FARM

Working with Nature

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Reading Recovery Level: 15

Word Count: 1440

Content: Personal recount, Explanation.

ACARA F-10 References:

Learning Areas:

English; Humanities and Social Sciences; Science; Health and Physical Education.

General Capabilities:

Literacy; Critical and Creative Thinking; Personal and Social Capability.

Cross Curriculum Priorities:

Sustainability.

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Teacher Notes:

For hundreds of years, people right across the world have been clearing forests to make room for grasslands. These grasslands are used for all sorts of farming and bring food to millions of people. However, this clearing has also caused many problems for our world and people are now starting to realise how important our forests are for the health and sustainability of our planet.

Discussion points for consideration:

1. What would happen if countries across the world kept clearing forests?
2. Discuss what's happening in the Amazon Rainforest and how it's affecting the world.
3. What can you do in your community to help with rewilding in your local area?

Difficult words to be introduced and practised before reading this book:

university, ploughing, museum, wildlife, kangaroos, wallabies, special, Antechinus, Australia, protect, curious, electric, collapsed, breakfast, quoll, amazed, possum, marsupials, nocturnal, carbon dioxide, oxygen, tropics, rainforest, population, manage, wasteland, rewilding, grazing.

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1. Farm Adventures!

This story began when I was a boy. On holidays, I went to either a farm, or to the beach. My uncle and aunt had a farm that I loved to visit. I was always up early to help my uncle on his jobs. We looked after the sheep and the cattle.

I loved the big open skies and nature all around us. I loved the clean air and the great food that was cooked. I dreamed that one day I would live and work on a farm.



After I passed university, I was offered a job in a country town. It took me just three days to pack up. I was glad to leave the city.

I saw an old run-down farm for sale and bought it straight away. The old house was very sad. No one had been living there for a long time. The farm was at the end of a long road going into the mountains. It was going to be a lot of hard work!



The farm and house sat just below a big mountain. It was once a dairy farm for milking cows. Lots of old buildings had been built over the years.

Inside the barns, I found some old tools for ploughing and raking the soil. It was like being in a dusty museum. It must have been hard work for the horses and farmers.

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The farm had trees growing in the fields. The forest around it was growing back. There was also lots of wildlife.

Every time I went for a walk, I would see kangaroos. They knew me but were shy and hopped away. The smaller wallabies were very fast amongst the trees.

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