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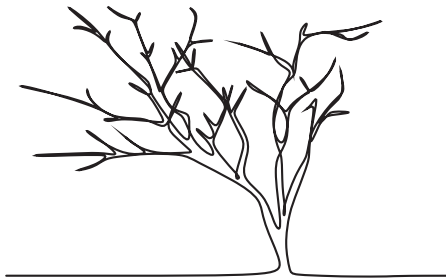


## Earth Canvas Exhibition for Kids

In this exhibition artists have made works that tell us something about looking after our precious farmlands. Each artist visited a farm, talked to the farmers about how they care for their land and then created artworks that help us all think about what they saw and heard there.

As you look at the paintings and photographs look out for things that make you think about what a farm needs to be a healthy place to grow our food.

### What does a farm need to grow good food for us?



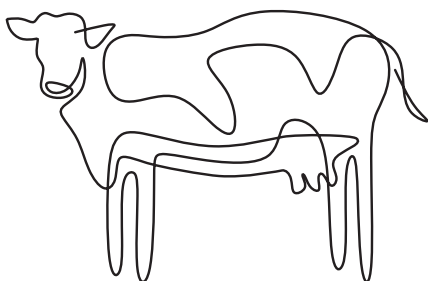
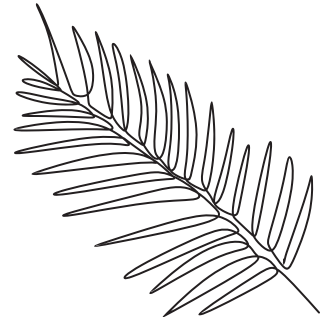
**Soil** Soil needs lots of microbes and other minibeasts to keep it healthy so plants can grow.

**Look for...** the soil microbes made huge in Jenny Bell's paintings.

**Water** Plants need water. Animals need water. We need water. So, we need to find ways to use it wisely in the land and not waste it.

**Look for...** places where water is stored on farms to help things grow. It might be a dam, a creek, or special man-made contours to slow down the rush of water over the land after rain falls.

**Look for...** the precious 'survivor' fish in Jo Davenport's painting.



**Sun** Plants need sunlight to grow so we can eat them. But if the sun beats down too harshly on soil that is not healthy and able to hold moisture, the plants will die and the soil become bare and barren.

**Look for...** the native grasses in Rosalind Atkins' artworks and the happy cows eating them.

**Look for...** the paintings by John Wolseley showing the return of trees and healthy grasses to the land he painted.

**You** Farmers need you to care about our environment and help to look after it so they can continue to grow delicious food.

**Look for...** you in nature in Janet Laurence's clever mirror artwork.

