

Yellow Group Kinder, Weekly Reflection

Term 2, Week 2

This week our focus was on plants. How we look after plants. What they need to survive and where they come from. We also discussed fresh foods and where they come from.

Firstly we read a book called, 'Yum Yum.' This book explains what different animals produce and how certain types of vegetables grow. From here we decided that we would plant some vegetables into the veggie garden in the kinder yard to see if we could grow them but first we needed to decide what vegetables to grow. The children suggested: Hailey: carrots, Valentina: blueberries, Ruby: peas, Lexi: strawberries, Natty: broccoli, Yeel: broccoli, James: snow peas, Zara: potatoes, Hannah: apples. We then discussed the fact that vegetables are seasonal and some can only be planted at certain times. We didn't know this information so it was decided that we must get a gardening book to help us find out. Unfortunately we couldn't find a book but Nicole said she had one at home so she will bring it in next session and we can pick what vegetables to plant. We also looked at the size of the vegetable patch and decided that we couldn't grow apples as an apple tree is too big for the veggie patch.

The children were eager to do some planting so we decided that we could do an experiment and try and grow some Alfalfa sprouts in zip lock bags. We discussed how the seeds needed water, sunshine and air to grow so keeping this in mind we wet some cotton buds and placed them in the zip lock bags. Then found a sunny spot on the window and taped the bags there. We also made sure that we kept the bags open slightly to let the air in. By Friday they had started to sprout but they felt a bit dry so we gave them a bit more water.

We also learnt from the book that we had read about cows and how milk, cream, cheese and butter came from cows. We decided to make our own butter using cream and shaking it until it thickens and splits. Unfortunately we had a few problems along the way and we were unsuccessful but don't worry we have learnt through trial and error and we are eager to try again next week.

