

Unit 2 Parent Focus Group minutes

Date: Monday 3rd December

Time: 2.30 – 3.00 pm

Attending meeting: N Hannant, J Hopkins, L Carpenter, L Ellery, M Oliver, G Bastin, S Pascoe and Mr Ord.

Purpose of the meeting:

To share ideas for future Learning Experiences with parents and gather their opinions and views in order to shape our planning.

Ideas raised:

- A Learning Experience (LE) linked to locally grown crops, how weather effects crops, food, nutrition and the idea of “from farm to fork”.
- Possible hook – take children to a local greengrocers to identify and buy a piece of fruit, posing the question ‘Where did this come from?’
- As part of this, we could also utilise the poly tunnel and environmental area to grow our own vegetables, which we could then use for cooking.
- Trough for each class to use to grow veg
- Fruit picking locally
- Research cereal production
- History of farming through transport/machinery
- 3d UK/collage map of crops/areas
- Weather stations/diaries – rain gauge etc – measuring
- TV/radio weather reports
- Writing weather reports
- Story of a seed – growth path to sold – writing

Possible contacts:

- Riverford Organic Food
- Occombe Farm
- Ullacombe farm shop
- Local greengrocers
- Met office
- NFU rep
- Nat. Trust rep
- Lyndsey Williams – fair trade

Outcome ideas were shared:

- Preston Farmers Market
- Make/cook food to sell having knowledge of the origins of all the ingredients – display this in a fact book about that food item

Mrs Pascoe will feedback these ideas to the Unit 2 team to inform future planning.