

Unit 3 Parent Focus Group minutes

Date: Thursday 29th November 2018

Time: 2.00 – 2.40 pm

Attending meeting: B Easton, R Apps, N Waltham, A Alessi, Z Mackay, Miss Pettitt, Mr Mealy 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 animal husbandry, food, nutrition and the idea of “from farm to fork”.
- We could invite a local butcher in to school to show the children how to make sausages as part of a hook for this LE and cook and eat them in school (with provision for dietary requirements and vegetarians).
- 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.
- We discussed merging cooking into a LE to give the children an essential life skill that they will need for secondary school and beyond.
- We discussed linking the learning to maths. Ideas included volume, area, perimeter, money, costings, weights and measures. All of this maths would link to animals, farms and agriculture within the LE.
- As an outcome, we could hold our own Preston Farmer’s market on the school field. It would be better to do this LE in the summer term to benefit from the weather.
- We could plan trips to places such as: the butchers, fishmongers, farmers markets, fish markets or live stock markets to hook the children into the learning and give it a real life context.
- Children enjoy project work and the chance to work in teams. Could we incorporate this into our planning? One idea was that the children could work together to plan their own farm, taking into account the elements of maths and focusing on how to develop a cost model that would make a profit.
- As a part of their project, the children might enjoy the chance to create a model of their farm using wood and other materials to display at the outcome event.

Possible contacts:

- Riverford Organic Food
- Local Butchers
- Newton Abbot Livestock Market
- Local butchers/ greengrocers/ fishmongers

Outcome ideas were shared:

- Preston Farmers Market
- Models displayed at an exhibition outcome

Miss Pettitt will feedback these ideas to the Unit 3 team to inform future planning.