



Celebrating the Harvest

Suggestions for a lesson on Harvest in Suffolk.

Start with a definition of Harvest.

- the time of year when crops are cut and collected from the fields,
- or the activity of cutting and collecting them,
- or the crops that are cut and collected

This can be adapted to any level and allow the children to explore their prior knowledge through discussion. This may take you in many directions:

- Research into which crops are harvested in Suffolk/East Anglia – using the NFU website for the EA region.
- Research into harvesting machinery – see the Power Point slides or clips from the “Harvest - BBC Two” on www.bbc.co.uk programmes.
- A look at harvesting in the past – see pictures in the power point

Follow up activities:

Younger children:

- Drawings of the crops we harvest in Suffolk, maybe mounted on a simple map.
- Collecting examples of our harvest produce for display or cooking.
- Drawings / writing linking the crops to products we eat.

KS2 children:

- Using the resources to do the research themselves.
- Write imaginatively about harvest in the past.
- Compare harvest past and present
- Look more deeply at the link between what we harvest and what we eat, and when we do it. Think about the food miles associated with importing food out of season.

Plenary

Draw together the ideas you have explored, at this point God’s generous provision may be discussed, maybe using the words of a harvest hymn e.g. We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.

