



Organic Project Week

Summary of the project

Working in partnership with Gut Wulksfelde, an organic farm in the north-east of Hamburg, Ökomarkt e.V. delivered a programme of educational farm visits for pupils, in the form of a week-long project designed to allow pupils to learn about what organic farming means. Each day had a new topic which covered subjects including organic cultivation of the land and conscious meat consumption.

How are the children involved?

The children learn actively about organic agriculture by taking part in a range of lessons and interactive workshops. There was an introductory session at the start of every day and this session laid out the topics for the day. There was also an opportunity every day, for the children to discuss what they had learnt. The sessions were designed to be hands on and there were lots of opportunities for the children to meet the farm animals and to pet them if they wished to. During the cookery lessons, the children were encouraged to prepare, wash and cut fruit and vegetables, prepare batter and dough and season dips.

How is the project linked to food and farming?

The project week was held on the farm so that the children had direct contact with farm staff and the animals. They saw how animals are cared for on the organic farm and how produce is cultivated. They also had the opportunity to think about seasonality by seeing what types of produce were available during their visit.

How is the project linked to the school curriculum?

The school worked with the Gut Wulksfelde staff and planned the project week so that the learning could link with the school's curriculum requirements.

Positive outcomes

The children had the opportunity to experience life and work on an organic farm. They enjoyed spending a good amount of time outside with the animals and learning about organic farming through contact with both animals and produce. They also learnt how to read a recipe and to prepare the food with the given instructions. The children were excited to taste the food and drinks that they had prepared at the end of each day.

