

# Seahorse Daily Story



# Our excursion to explore our local natural environment



We began getting organized for our excursion by having a delicious morning tea of rice cakes and fresh mixed fruit. As we were finishing it was time to organize to put on our sunscreens, shoes and hat. Then one by one we started to bring the children through to the foyer and put them in the pram. They were so quiet and curious as to what was happening as this was our first excursion out in the community in the prams.



Once we were all in and organized we said Goodbye to Shane and Miss Julie as well as other staff that had come to see us off. As we headed down the hill Zaidyn, Arianna and Ashlyn placed their hands on the front as if they were on a ride!

The children responded well to being in a larger pram than they are use to. They seemed to really enjoy the parts that were downhill.





Our first stop that we made was to look at some yellow flowers. Abigail and Ashlyn had the opportunity to hop out of the pram to have a look.

Abigail carefully knelt down to see the flowers close up and began to lightly touch the petals. Arianna wasn't sure about touching the flowers at first. But with the help from Miss Megan she soon realized it was okay to touch them and to pick at them. Miss Tanya picked a few to show the other children to provide them the same opportunity. Ivy, Owen, Daniel, and Ashlyn were happy to observe the flowers from Miss Tanya's hand. Miss Megan even placed a flower between Zaidyns toes which he found hilarious as he started giggling– it must of tickled.

Once the children were satisfied with our first stop we decided to keep on going down the hill to see what else we would come across!





As we continued walking Miss Tanya noticed there was a lot of different kinds and shapes of tree bark. Ashlyn took the time and used her finger to feel the different kinds of textures. Owen was very interested in holding smaller pieces of bark and throwing them around. Abigail went with Miss Tanya to help her choose pieces of bark that she thought would be exciting to use for art. Abigail very proudly held some bark and wanted to show our other friends who were still patiently waiting in the pram. Ivy, Daniel and Zaidyn closely examined the bark before Miss Tanya popped it away for some future art experiences using natural resources.

We found that the children were very cautious of their surroundings and took the time to watch each step that they were taking, especially when they heard the sound of sticks cracking!





As we continued on with our walk we could hear a lot of commotion happening in the distance. We could see that there were some workers working away in a very large shed. The children were very curious with a range of different sounds that they could hear. We decided to pull up the prams to allow the children the chance to watch what was happening in their surroundings and to help them engage in their own imaginations.

One of the workers started to walk to their car and notice that we were watching what was happening. He even took the time to stop, wave and say hello to all of us. Abigail gave a big wave back!





Once we approached the bottom of the hill, we could see there were a range of different coloured and types of flowers.

Because we had already seen and touched some yellow ones at the start, it was time to explore and look at some pink and white flowers too!

Miss Tanya had a handful of each and slowly took them around for the children to touch and look at. Zaidyn took one flower at first but then decided he wanted to have a flower for each hand! Abigail preferred to hold two flowers but using one hand to hold them and the other hand to lightly touch the petals. Daniel pointed at the flowers and was happy enough to just look at them. Arianna preferred the white flowers over the pink ones. Rather than holding the flower where the stem and leaf were, she held the flower by the head so she could feel and look at it at the same time! Ivy and Owen observed how their friends responded to the flowers before holding them too. They both took turns of holding and examining the flowers!





As we started to approach the end of our walk we stopped to have a big drink of water! The children all waited so patiently whilst Miss Tanya and Miss Megan handed out their water bottles.

Once everyone had finished having some water, it was time to head up the hill back to the center to enjoy some yummy lunch Miss Julie had made.

As we headed up the hill the children were still fascinated by the different sounds and sights they could see. We could hear some birds chirping in the distance, and watch the clouds change as it was almost about to rain!

A few of our seahorse friends almost fell asleep on the way back but kept themselves awake so they didn't miss out on seeing anything!



# Analysis of learning



- Sense of belonging
- Respect for nature
- Curiosity
- Social skills
- Sun safety
- Care for own personal belongings (hats)

# Reflection of the day

Today's excursion was a great success for both the educators and the children. Organisation of the excursion was well executed. The children seemed calm and engaged in what we were doing on our journey.

We will explore new routes to take and continue to explore our community here at BTP tech park.

