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School: Westbrook Old Hall Primary School	LA: Warrington
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Learning Focus: To keep a class learning diary to increase reflection and parental engagement.	
Curriculum Focus: Science > Life & Living Processes	
Tools used: Forum	

Basil

In class today all of Year3 got to taste different plant's.I tasted them all my favrouite was Basil.

Created By Ciaran Bowman

coco beans

mimmm.... coco beans are chochlatey I love chochlate and coco beans, coco beans are from brazil. Coco beans are from the seeds and tastes like chochlate

Created By Hashim Shah

mango

I like juicy mango' s. They have lot' s of vitimens. They are a fruit

Created By Ananya Dunn

How this worked in practice: The children in Year 3 at Westbrook Old Hall Primary School have been learning about plants and food chains and as part of this process they had a tasting day in order to explore different food types that they may not have tried or heard about previously. Children were given a range of fruits, vegetables and herbs to try and were then asked to use the forum to share their opinion. Children were then encouraged to look at the opinions shared by others and to use these to prompt discussion about these fruits, herbs and vegetables in order to extend their learning and understanding further. Children were asked to share their experiences, preferences and learning outcomes in this diary in order to prompt further meaningful learning dialogue at home with their families, scaffolding extended informal home learning and engaging parents in purposeful learning conversations to increase children's motivation and engagement.

By the end of this sequence of work children had developed skills in:

Science: Food chains, plants

Learning: Self Assessment, Reflection, Parental Engagement

Next Steps: Children could now begin to use the forum as an ongoing learning diary to share their learning outcomes, achievements, aspirations, challenges and peer advice.