

Our Sustainability Learning Story

This term we were set the task of building a house with 50 or more sustainable features. We started off by making a scale, (2cm = 1m).

We then constructed the basic features of our house. We used things such as; cardboard, straws, tins, paper, paddle sticks and paint. With these items we made; gutters, ovens, water tanks, furniture, chicken pens, trees, sheds, a hot house and a green house.

When we had completed that we started writing down our sustainable features. Some of the sustainable things we had were; LED'S, 6 star energy efficient appliances. The placing of our rooms, to reduce heat in bedrooms and increase light in kitchens and lounge rooms. And the deciduous trees on the North side, to provide shade in summer, and let in warmth and light in winter.

One thing we found hard was keeping all our furniture to scale. However it was easy to paint and decorate our houses.

Through this experience we have learnt just how important sustainability and preserving our resources for future generations is. We think our teacher set this task for us because he wanted us to see how easy and rewarding it is to be sustainable.

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