

## **Project with children**

**Melissa:** In the local newspaper "Harlingerland" we saw an article about the biosphere day. Because of this background we want to do a project with the children in our kindergarten in Wiesmoor. Our integrative kindergartengroup "Die Grashüpfer" exist of ten children and two educators. In there group are three new children and we want to integrate them. We use an excursion to help the children in their language skills, social skills and expand their knowledge about the mudflat.

**During preparation of the project** we want to recycle waste paper and create a memory. The memory consists of selfmade paintings created by a teacher with good painting skills. Furthermore, we send a letter to the legal guardians to inform them about our excursion. In this letter we also ask for help while preparations and during the excursion. A day before the excursion we are going to speak about the rules of conduct. For example there are rules like: don't run away, don't go into the water and don't go out of the view. **Frauke:** We also talk to the children about the topic mudflat, to get them on the same level of knowledge. Every child can tell if they have ever been by the sea in Harlesiel, or somewhere else. For the excursion we prepare sandwiches, fruit and vegetables, so that we can have a picnic on the beach together.

**Implementation:** On the day of the excursion we drive with several cars to the beach in Harlesiel. The mother of a child from our group will accompany us on that day. We are going to wait at the parking area until everyone is there. Then, we all walk to the beach together. Now the children have time to arrive. They can look around and get to know the surroundings. After some time, we call the children and come together. We ask them what they could see. This should encourage them to tell something. After that we tell the children that we want to play memory together. For this, we build two groups (so that five children are playing together). As already mentioned, the memory consists of self-painted pictures that fit the theme mudflat. For example, there are pictures of a seagull, a sandworm or a shell.

**Melissa:** Before we play memory, we talk about the rules of the game. We make sure that children play together who have not become friends so far. As a result, take to the other children and expand the social skills. While the children search the right picture to be put together, we talk about the pictures we will be watching. After the memory every children count the cards and we see who will win. Then the group looks around for the items of the memory. When someone see an item we call all children together and look about it. After we think the children can see a lot, we will have a picnic with fruit, vegetables and sandwiches. When we finished our picnic and the time is over all children drive so back by cars to the kindergarten in Wiesmoor. If we have enough time we will go to the

playground and the children can play there. At the end, the children go in the kindergarden. At the kindergarden the time is over and the children will be picked up.

**Conclusion:** The day after the excursion, we are going to speak about the knowledge the children have gained, for example, about the different creatures on the mudflat. Then we make a flashlight in which each child says something about the excursion. We also will talk about future excursions and topics about the mudflat, what the children want to know.

**Frauke:**

Letter to the parents

Dear parents,

with this letter we would like to inform you about an upcoming excursion. Recently there was an article in the local newspaper about the Biosphere Day. This inspired us to do a project with your children. The topic will be the mudflat. For this we would like to go to the beach in Harlesiel. It would be nice if a parent could take part in the excursion, just to look after the children together with us. Please let us know if you have time to join us on that day.

The excursion will take place on **Friday, April the 10th. in 2022**. On this day we will meet at **8 a.m.** at the kindergarden.

→ Please remember that your child is wearing weatherproof clothes and shoes. If it rains heavily that day, we will postpone the excursion.

→ You don't have to pack breakfast for your child that day, because we'll have a picnic together on the beach. (We'll have sandwiches, fruits and vegetables)

→ Your child is welcome to bring binoculars if you have one at home.

If you have any questions about the excursion, please contact us at the kindergarden. We are looking forward to a nice day.

Best wishes,

Melissa Hollstein & Frauke Hillrichs

## Attendance list

Date	Frauke	Melissa
05.10.2021	present	present
09.11.2021	present	present
16.11.2021	present	present
23.11.2021	not present	not present

## Reference

“Pons Wörterbuch“: <https://de.pons.com/%C3%BCbersetzung> [Date: 30.11.2021]