

March 7th 2009

Award badges earned: 'Insects' & the 'My World' puzzle piece.





Rock Bugs!





Weighing, floating,
sinking, smooth,
rough, shiny, big,
small, soft, hard...

Not all rocks
are equal!





Our rock sculptures... we had to plan to start with the biggest rock at the bottom and then smaller ones on top.



YUM! Bugs on a log! And we made them ourselves.

Dear Diary;

This morning we had our induction at church which was a very very important day. Then we had a shared church lunch which is always great. We left on our field trip at 2.30 and went to Montana Farm. First we fed the chooks, geece, turkeys, guinea fowl, peafowl & ducks. And then we fed the lambs and ran around the paddock with them for a bit.

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Our 'Little Lamb' mascot greeted us, he loves us and loves us coming to meetings! We already sang our song, pledge and law at church during induction, so we didn't do it again since we didn't have much time today.

We had a look at some plastic insects which Joseph was a little bit scared of but Samuel was very brave and they didn't bother him a bit. We noticed that spiders have eight legs and we even had a real spider to look at with the magnifying glass. We read a story about the life of a lady bug... I never knew that ladybugs were so important and useful and not just pretty to look at.

Then we got some old plastic containers and made an 'environment' in them with sand at the bottom and some leaves. We then went looking for some bugs!!! Joseph found a spider and a butterfly. Samuel found a sandfly and a soldier bug. They were excellent! We love bugs and didn't know they ALL had their own unique things to do. Even the smallest ones. Some do good things for us and some not so good.

Then we watched a short video about the life of a butterfly... it was amazing! After that we used river rocks and painted them to make our own bugs... messy fun! Then we did some cooking; and made ants on a log (celery, peanut butter & raisins).

We even got to make a couple of oragami insects too.

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We looked at lots of differnt rocks; smooth, shiny, bumpy, heavy, light, pretty, colourful, flat, holey; we weighed them and put them in water. Did you know that a rock can float? Pumice can... it's a rock out of a volcano! The best rock we had was pyrite (thanks Ruben for loaning rocks to us) which we identified using one of our books. We then had to sift through the sand to find the buried treasure rocks... that was the best fun! Then we made a rock sculpture too. We also looked through some pretty awesome rock & mineral books. I didn't know rocks could be so different!

... phew ... what a day!