

Prep Year History

Exploring my family history

Reflecting

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Strengths

[A Prep teacher reflects on the implementation of the history unit.]

Maree Frederiksen:

Prep teacher

One of the highlights of this unit has absolutely been getting to know the children and their families so this has been a great vehicle. We have found out a lot of information about the children in our class that we wouldn't have known about without doing this activity. We've had a wide range of sources come in from the children. So each one of the children's family trees and family structure graphics has been quite different.

Some children have used photographs. Some have used photographs of the places that they and their family have been born. We've also seen children use drawings. The sources have absolutely been the strength of the unit.

Challenges

Maree Frederiksen:

Prep teacher

Probably the biggest difficulty has been teaching the children how to question and respond to questions because quite often they are wanting to tell a story. The questioning this time definitely has been a challenge for us but we'll go into this unit next time knowing that that will have to be a strong teaching focus.

Summary

Maree Frederiksen:

Prep teacher

We set off on this unit feeling quite anxious about what was going to happen and how it was going to unfold. We thought that teaching history five weeks into Prep was, perhaps, biting off more than we could chew but it's been a wonderful experience for the children, for our parents and for we, the teaching staff, to be able to explore the children's history and we're excited about where we will be heading next.