



Hey Parents and Teachers!

Farmers' Markets can be a great educational experience for primary school kids. Here are five activities that can help them learn and have fun at the same time:

1. Money & Budgeting

Give each child a small amount of money and let them practice buying items from the market. This teaches them about budgeting and the value of money while interacting with vendors.

2. Eye Spy Farmers' Market Adventure

We all know how to play eye spy, using letters or colours, can you turn it into a fun activity while you enjoy your coffee or line up for delicious sourdough bread?

3. Seasonal Produce Exploration

Encourage your children to explore the market, asking questions to vendors and each other about which fruit and vegetables grow at different times of the year. What can you see at the moment? What might be at the market soon?

4. Early Empathy Imaginations

Ask the children to imagine what the makers, bakers and growers do each day. What time did they get up this morning to pack their trucks? Were they up late last night baking the bread? Did one of their chickens escape and go on a wild adventure?

5. Explore Māori History of the Huatoki

The Huatoki River has always been significant to Māori, particularly to Mana Whenua (traditional custodians) of Ngāmotu-New Plymouth, the people of Ngāti Te Whiti. Once a large estuary, it was a hub for activity, economy, an inland access route, a border, mahinga kai (natural resource), and a spiritual link to Maunga Taranaki. Between Red Coat Lane and the foreshore, three storyboards highlight Māori life around the river. Can you find them? For more local Māori history, visit the displays at Puke Ariki Museum.