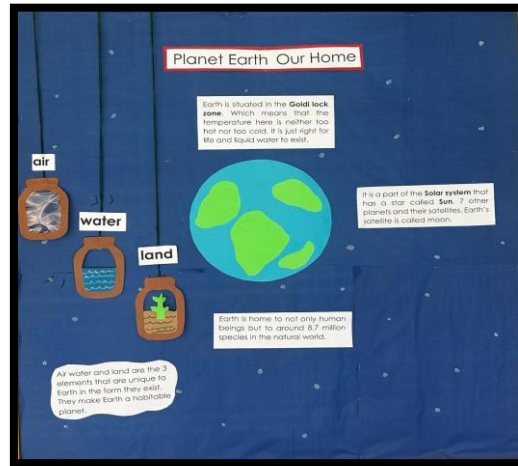


Earth Month at Santa Maria

Santa Maria joyfully observed Earth Month, beginning on the 21st of April, with a variety of activities designed to foster environmental awareness and love for our planet.



The month began with an **introduction to Earth and the solar system**. Children learned that there are seven other planets in our solar system, but only one — **Earth** — is truly special because it is our home. This idea was beautifully reinforced through a **short video presentation on Planet Earth**, helping children understand how it supports a wide variety of life.

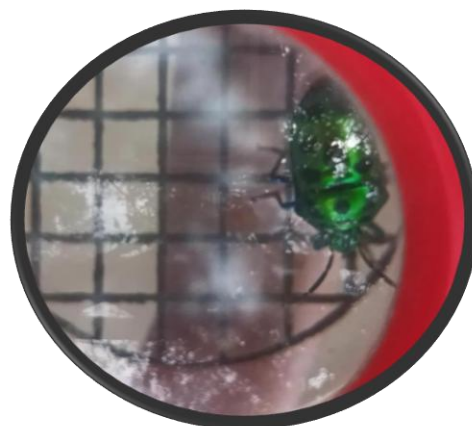
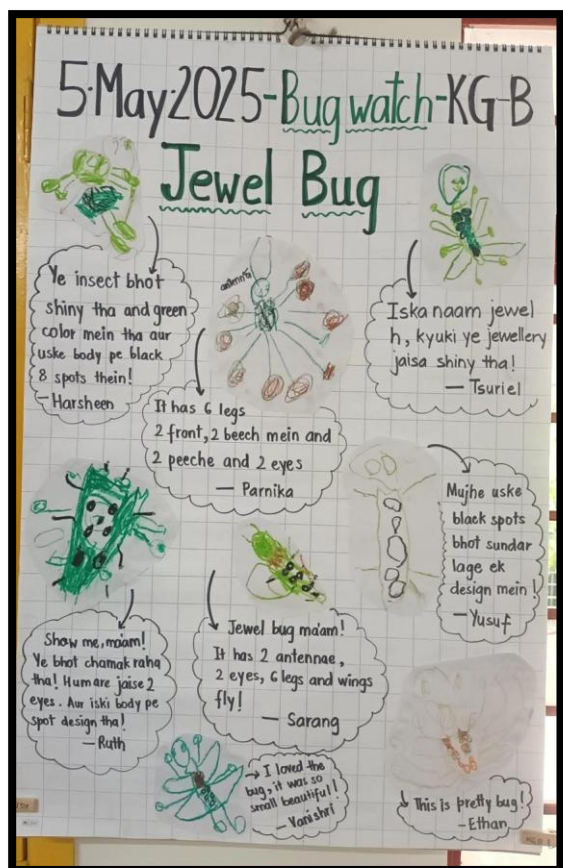


Through discussions, the children discovered that **birds, animals, insects, trees, mountains**, and even humans all share this one planet. They were then introduced to the **three main elements of Earth — air, water, and land**.



Children enthusiastically participated in an activity to understand the elements of Earth.

Children went for **nature walks** to observe, appreciate and bond with nature and relate to the elements of Earth. It was a unique experience for many children to find names of different trees, plants, fruits and vegetables in school. To spot a bug during the **bug watch** was most exciting for them.



Children were thrilled to collect articles in a tiny paper bag during the nature walk. They shared their experiences and used the articles to create a nature collage with friends.



A highlight of the month was the **germination activity**, where children experienced the magic of growing a plant from a seed. This hands-on experience taught them that plants not only make the Earth beautiful but also play a crucial role in keeping it healthy and happy.



KG B presented a **special assembly**, where children showcased the diversity of life on Earth and highlighted the importance of protecting it. Messages such as **“Save Water,” “Plant Trees,”** and **“Keep Our Surroundings Clean”** echoed throughout the performance. Following the assembly, the children recalled what they had seen.



Important environmental topics like segregating waste in the class were also introduced in the assembly.



Earth Month at Santa Maria was a joyful, meaningful, and inspiring experience, leaving the children with a deeper understanding of their role in protecting our precious planet.

Regards

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