## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Wynn Vale Preschool has a focus on Environmental Sustainability. Children are taught to sort their waste items into:

- ★ Food scraps that can be placed in the compost bin or green waste bin
- ★ Recyclable paper and cardboard
- ★ Recyclable plastic
- ★ Rubbish that goes to landfill.

This is reinforced regularly so that it is embedded in our programme and the children are able to self-manage the process.

Children are actively involved in establishing and caring for the Preschool garden. They help with seasonal planting (with a focus on plants that can be eaten, such as vegetables and fruit), watering and harvesting of edible plants. Produce is often taken home and shared with families or used in our cooking programme. Seeds are regularly collected and saved to plant the following year or available for the children to take home and plant in their home gardens. Cuttings from the existing plants are propagated and seedlings are cultivated so that they can be sent home with the children.