

STRAWBERRY DETECTIVES

BEAVERS AND CUBS

In the UK we can pick strawberries between early May and late September. If we want to eat strawberries at other times of year we can usually find them in our shops from hotter countries.

1. Together, look closely at the outside of strawberries.

Ask: What do you think the little yellow dots are?

Ask: Can you guess how many seeds there are on one strawberry?



Answer: The little yellow dots are seeds. Each strawberry has about two hundred seeds and are the only fruit with seeds on the outside.

3. Look at the top of the strawberry. The scientific name for the green part is the calyx. It is also called hull, top, cap, hat, crown or leaves. Calyx is edible, although not very nice to eat.

Ask: Which of the names do you prefer?

4. Under supervision, Beavers and Cubs can cut the strawberries into quarters.

Ask: Is the strawberry all one colour inside? Can you notice any shapes? Do all the strawberries look exactly the same inside?

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Strawberries are the most popular fruit in this country and account for approximately 80% of all fresh fruit sold in supermarkets. They are a summer fruit in the UK, but are now available all year round.

- 1. Ask:** Why do you think this is?

Answer: It's because they are imported from other countries where the growing seasons are different.

- 2.** Almost everybody likes the taste of strawberries. Share out some strawberries to taste.

Ask: What do you think?

- 3.** Discuss the factors that might affect the taste.

For example: The weather as they grow, the variety (there are many different ones) and the stage of ripeness when they are harvested (strawberries do not continue to ripen once they have been picked).



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