

Learning every day in every way through play

Gardening

Everyday routines

Learning activities in the garden:

- Encourage your child to help you in the garden (weeding, watering, potting, planting). Discuss how your actions are helping the plants to grow and thrive.
- Ask your child to help shovel dirt and wheel the wheelbarrow.
- Create a grass head using grass seeds, soil and old stockings. Cover the inside toe of the stocking with grass seeds, add dirt to create ball shape, twist so it's tight, tie a knot at the bottom and leave a tail for the water to travel up. Place in a jar of water and keep moist.
- Use a container to measure rainfall and decide when to water the garden.
- Go for a walk around your street and see what plants you can find. Take photos of the plants and research them when you get home.

What children are learning:

- Connecting to nature and appreciating living things
- Noticing changes in the garden and becoming aware of human impact on living things
- Understanding what plants need to grow and thrive
- Building co-ordination skills