

Year 2 Topic

The Scented Garden



Let's tiptoe through the tulips together and discover the sights, sounds and smells of the garden.

During this learning project, we'll visit a florist's shop or a garden centre. We'll find out how to look after plants, ask the experts questions and appreciate the flowers. We'll write an information book about plants, follow instructions, enjoy the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and write stories of our own.

Discovering our green fingers will be fun when we plant and tend a pizza garden of herbs. We'll also learn about the different parts of a plant and create our own 'planting and growing' action rhyme. Our senses will help us describe and sort a range of smells and we'll make beautifully scented products. We'll look closely at a wide variety of plants, create detailed, observational drawings and press real flowers to use in collages.

At the end of our project, we will have become plant experts! We'll create a presentation about plants, share the information books that we have made and design a garden.

Help your child prepare for their project

Gardens are so special and are an excellent place to visit together. Why not take close-up photographs of flowers and use a plant identification app or spotting guide to find the name of each plant? You could also buy some wildflower seeds and watch them grow. Alternatively, bake recipes containing fragrant herbs and spices! Cheese and chive scones, cinnamon biscuits and lavender cake are all delicious!

What will you choose to do?

- Plant bulbs and seeds at home and watch them grow. Bring in your plants (or photographs of them) to show your class.
- Grow a sunflower and keep a record of its height. Who can grow the tallest in the class?
- Keep a plant diary, explaining how you grew a plant. Include photographs or drawings of each stage of your plant's development.
- With an adult, search the web for examples of amazing plants and make your own weird and wonderful plant book.
- On a visit to the supermarket, find and discuss plants you can eat, including herbs, vegetables and fruit. Which part of the plant are they? The roots? The leaves? The flower? The stem?
- Visit a garden centre, florist or plant sale, or take a walk in your garden or local area. Amaze your adults with your knowledge of plant names. Find out the names of any plants you don't recognise.
- Read and talk about stories and poems with your adult on the theme of flowers and plants.
- Visit the local library and find non-fiction books about planting. Look for information using the contents and index pages. Write down any new facts you have learned and bring them in to share with the class.
- Grow a herb garden at home and use your herbs in some delicious recipes for your family and friends.
- Learn how to spell the names of some common flowering plants such as rose, daisy, iris and tulip.
- Paint or draw flowers growing in the local environment or in a vase or pot in your home. Find pictures online of famous flower paintings and talk about your likes and dislikes with your adult.
- Press flowers between the pages of a book and use them to make gifts or cards for your family and friends.

