

Allotment



Come on, let's grow!

This term in KS3, we'll visit an allotment to see what's growing and spot the greenhouses and frames that help the plants to grow. Our visit will inspire us to write a report about the allotment and investigate types of compost and biodegradable materials used. We'll use food from the allotment to make delicious dishes, and plant our own fruits and vegetables. Our art skills will improve as we make detailed observational drawings, using botanical images for inspiration. We'll write a set of instructions explaining how to plant a tree and learn how to care for plants. The classic children's book *The Secret Garden* will inspire us to write our own short stories. We'll explore germination, learn more about the parts of the plant and find out how they reproduce. Maps will help us to identify the best place for an allotment and where different foods come from.

Once we've all got green fingers, we'll write poems to celebrate the wonder of the garden. We'll look at how well our plants have grown and make structures to support them. Attending our gardening masterclass will also help you to learn how to grow plants too!

Help your child prepare for their project

Where does our food come from? Why not explore food at home or at the supermarket to find out how far it has travelled? You could also visit a local farm or strawberry picking field to look at the plants and structures.

Alternatively, have a go at planting a sunflower seed and giving it all of the conditions needed to help it grow.

Memorable experience	Visit an allotment
Innovate challenge	Farmers' market
English	Non-chronological reports; Instructions; Explanations; Narrative;
Geography	Land use; Food origins; Geographical skills and fieldwork; Map work; Climate
Art	Botanical drawing and painting
Computing	Using the web; Word processing
D&T	Cooking and nutrition; Making planters; Making structures
PSHE	Taking responsibility
Science	Life cycles of animals and plants; Working scientifically
Science investigations	Do dock leaves cure a sting? How many potatoes can you grow?