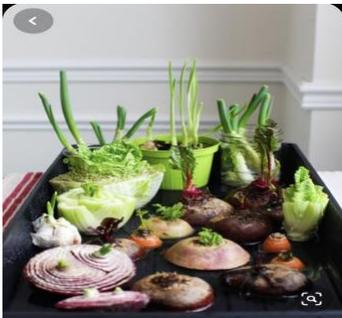




Boys and Girls, today would have been the start of our summer term in nursery. We had lots of plans to be doing lots of fun activities in our garden: planting seeds, watching them grow, caring for our plants, looking for mini-beasts and lots more. We will still try and help you do some of these fun activities at home.

If we had been in nursery we would have been planting seeds this week.

- Grow a carrot top by cutting off the top and place in a dish of water. Leave on a window sill and observe what happens.
- Try lots of other veg.



Help to water the plants in the garden and do some weeding.

Some great ideas from Stranmillis students:

Natural Art-

- Collect leaves, flowers, sticks or anything else exciting.
- Arrange these to make a representation of something, tell a story about your picture.
- Make a miniature garden in a plastic tray.

Leaf / Grass Cutting-

- Go on a leaf hunt to find different sizes and shapes of leaves.
- Use scissors to cut leaves
- Cutting bits of the grass is always fun too.

Leaf Rubbing

- Draw around the different leaves
- Place paper over the leaves and make rubbings
- Messy idea: use mud and water to print with leaves



Some Other Activities: Water Fun

- Fill buckets of water and using real paint brushes, paint walls, fences etc.
- Fill different sized plastic bottles with coloured water, seal lid, lots of fun just let the children explore different ways to play. Lots of language opportunities
- Sponges and buckets, car wash, washing the bikes, etc.
- Using washing up bottles or spray bottles, practise target shooting onto cardboard shapes



On your daily walk- Can you find?

Something rough/bumpy

Something heavy

Something light

Something taller than you

Something smaller than you

Can you find the number 4

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