



Come on, let's grow!

This half term, we'll visit an allotment to see what's growing and spot the greenhouses and frames that help the plants to grow. We'll explore delicious dishes, and plant our own 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.

Imaginative Learning Project focus: Geography	
Memorable Experience	Visit an allotment
Innovate Challenge	Farmers' market
English	Non-chronological reports; Instructions; Explanations; Narrative; Poetry
Geography	Land use; Food origins; Geographical skills and fieldwork; Map work; Climate
Art & Design	Botanical drawing and painting
Computing	Using the web; Word processing
D&T	Nutrition; Making structures
PSHE	Taking responsibility
Science	Life cycles of animals and plants; Working scientifically
Science Investigations	How many potatoes can you grow?

### 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.