



Plants, Food Growing & Gardening
Learning Extensions

Literacy:

- 1) Write a news report about your class visiting the farm. Include a headline and an account of the activities that you did.
- 2) Write a Explanatory Leaflet showing how to plant a seed and care for your growing plant
- 3) Write Information Leaflets about different vegetables explaining the part of the plant that is eaten, how to grow it and a recipe for cooking it
- 4) Write a poem from the point of view of a seed growing into a plant

Arts and Crafts:

- 1) Make supersized vegetables out of papier mache
- 2) Make vegetable prints! Potato prints are simple – cut in half and then cut patterns into the flat face, but you can also make vegetable prints out of any hard vegetable – try carrots, brussel sprouts, turnips...
- 3) Draw a picture of your favourite plant in the school grounds
- 4) Make a tree mobile

Topic Related:

- 1) Sort and group vegetables on the basis of their properties
- 2) Play 'guess the vegetable' by putting different vegetables in feely bags or boxes
- 3) Play 20 questions - "What am I?" using different fruits and vegetables
- 4) Make a key to help visitors from outer space identify different vegetables
- 5) After lunch – think about what the different fruits and vegetables were in your meal, and what part of the plant they were
- 6) In spring - Go on a 'spring spotters' walk around your school grounds or local green-space and see how many signs of spring you can find. Look for green leaves emerging, buds on branches thickening, early flowers blooming...
- 7) Sow some runner beans and have a race to see which one grows the tallest

Other Resources and Links

The Science and Plants for Schools website (www.saps.org.uk) has lots of hints and tips for growing and studying plants in the classroom and loads of great resources and games too:
<http://www.saps.org.uk/primary>

The nature detectives website has lots of great plant and (wildlife) related resources:
<http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/download/>

Plantlife's Wild About Plants website also has lots of plant-themed activity ideas and resources: <http://www.wildaboutplants.org.uk/>

The Soil Association has a lot of great information about organic growing and farming
www.soilassociation.org

The Food for Life Partnership is all about getting schools growing food and eating healthily – have a look at their website and see if your school could work towards an award...
www.foodforlife.org.uk They also have lots of great resources for learning about food, growing, cooking and trading:
<http://www.foodforlife.org.uk/Resources/Teachingresources.aspx>