



Gardening News

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Wow! What a busy few weeks and a huge thank you to everyone involved especially **Mr Pete** who has put together the raised beds and has been moving a lot of soil.

The beds are now **ready for planting** in the first week back after half term and each class will have their own space to plant and look after their seeds.

Classes will be visiting the garden **at least once a week** to check on their seeds and water them. Children will also record their visits in a class **Garden Diary** each week.

This is an amazing opportunity for children to **learn about plants** in a real and relevant way and learn the **responsibility** of looking after a living thing. We hope you encourage them to tell you about their learning at home as well.



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Each class will be growing a **vegetable or salad** item that they can use for **cooking** and if the crop is big enough, we will be selling to parents as well.

This will enhance the **Science, Design Technology and PSHE** curriculums in a **fun and exciting way!**

The classes will be growing the following:

- **Nursery – Beans**
- **Reception – Carrots**
- **Year 1 – Spinach & Rocket**
- **Year 2 – Broccoli & Beetroot**
- **Year 3 – Spring Onions & Salad Leaves**
- **Year 4 – Radishes**
- **Year 5 – Cucumbers & Courgettes**
- **Year 6 – Tomatoes**

We will also be looking after the pond and all the wildlife within it, including waterlilies, pond weed, pond skaters and frogs.

If there are any parents who would like to volunteer to help in the garden or donate any seeds / gardening gloves / tools that they don't need anymore, all donations are gratefully accepted.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Matthey



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