

Our School Garden



What we got up to last term..

Garden maintenance.

The lunchtime gardening club participants helped to tidy and organise the shed to find space for our new tools (bought using the money donated by the Emery and Owen Trust). The shed was painted, and our Saturday garden tidy session was successful with 5 families attending and we enjoyed hot soup and cakes organised by myself and Jackie Napier-Jones.

Potting Winter Pansies

Winter pansies were donated to the school by Busy Baskets (along with a couple of hanging baskets) and Class 1 worked hard to plant up the pots in the front of the school.

Remembrance Day and Grandparents week.

The Rafter's group and their families created remembrance poppy mosaics using painted pebbles and garden slabs. The activities tied-in with grandparents' week which was really successful. Our plan is to invite Rafter's families to help us install the mosaics in the garden.

Harvesting and making preserves

It was a busy term trying to involve all of Class 3 and the Rafter's group in making preserves using crop from the garden, and apples donated by a local elderly lady. The children made tomato chilli, pumpkin marmalade, and tomato and apple chutney. Each child took home a mini pot of preserve and class 3 children helped to run a stall at the Christmas fete selling preserves and raising £30.

Christmas Activities

I ran a lunchtime session potting up hyacinth bulbs for winter flowering, we talked about bulbs and discussed how we could force the bulbs to flower sooner than they should. We used recycled tins for potting these. This session was open to any child that wanted to have a go. Class 3, lunch club, and the Rafter's group made willow Christmas wreaths. Mrs Barlow helped to run a whole class session for this along with Christmas music and a festive feel.

This term!

- Completing and installing our mosaics
- Making bird feeders for the garden
- RSPB Birdwatch
- Refurbishing our bug hotel
- Spring garden planning map (child-led)
- Planting broad beans