

Seed Storage Box

Children will love creating their own box in which to store their seeds.

What you need:

- Sealable container (biscuit tin or plastic box)
- Seed packets
- Seed catalogues
- Gardening magazines
- PVA glue
- Scissors



What to do:

1. Discuss how seeds should be stored. Explain that they need to be kept cool and dry. Can children think why? Discuss the fact that water and warmth will cause the seeds to germinate.
2. Ask children to cut out pictures from seed catalogues and gardening magazines.
3. Once they have cut out enough pictures, ask the children to stick their pictures to their tin or plastic box.
4. Ask the children to spread another layer of glue over their pictures to seal them securely to the box.
5. Provide a range of seed packets for children to store.

Ways to extend this activity: Children could make a calendar to stick to the inside of the lid of their storage box, detailing when to plant the different seeds. They could make a filing system, using pieces of card to separate the box into 12 different sections, placing the seed packets in the correct month.

National Curriculum Links: Observe and describe how seeds grow into mature plants. Describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature. Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. Select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities.

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