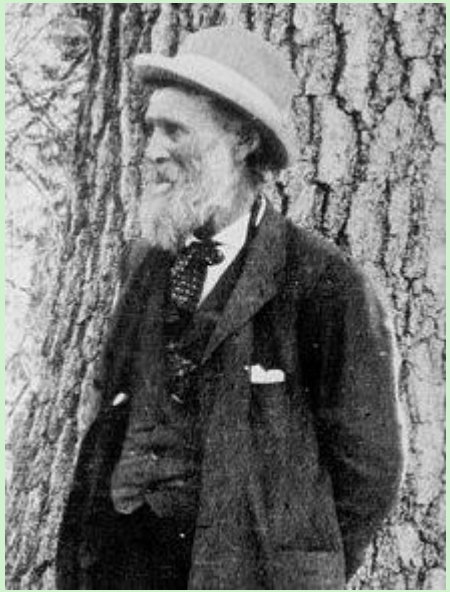

My Grandma's Garden
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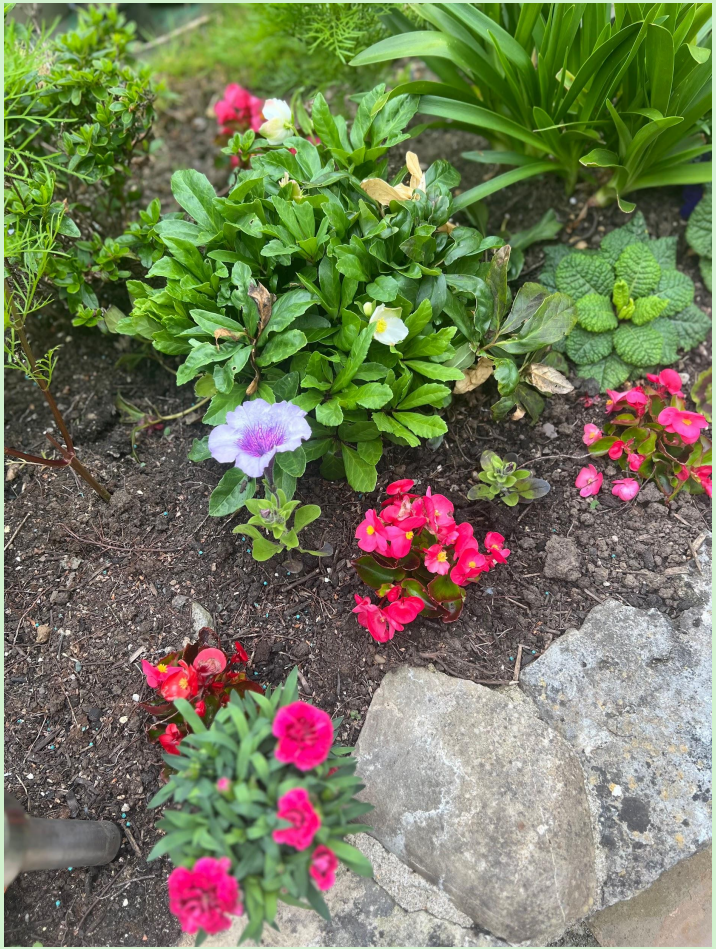
“In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks”

- John Muir



Discover…





Some beautiful flowers and colours I have found in the garden. My Grandma has always had pride for her garden and raised me to appreciate the outdoors. Every Sunday we water the plants and spectate for any birds or insects we might come across.



My Grandma has had this bird pool since I was younger which I fill up every day or when necessary.

I love listening to the sounds of the birds flying past making the garden relaxing as well as beautiful to look at.



Also a bird feeder to attract birds and connect with nature.



The garden has bark patches which have good nutrients in for a variety of insects. Lots of spiders love amongst the bark.

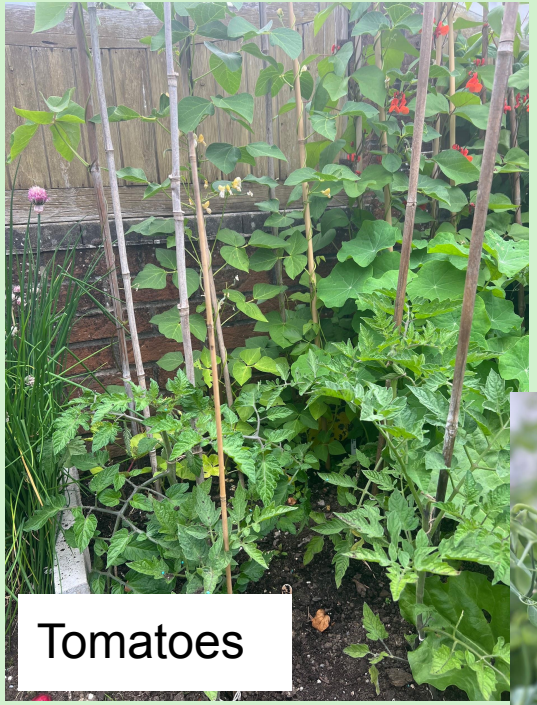
The holes in the leaves are evidence of insects living in the garden.



Additionally here is all the fruit and vegetables that we grow!



Radish



Tomatoes



Rubarb



Runner Beans



Onions



Strawberries



Lettuce



Raspberries


Courgettes


Parsley


Lavender


Rosemary

Mint

Thyme

Explore…

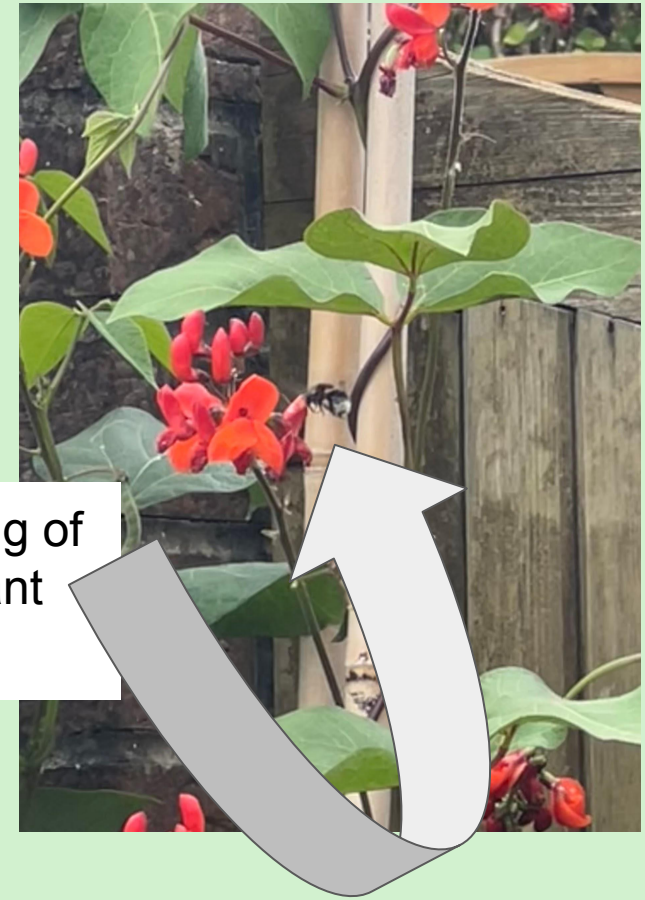
Growing vegetables in the garden helps save money as well as reduces waste. Planting and growing your own fresh food creates a connection with nature as well as understanding where your foods come from. Children will be able to learn further about the outdoors and everyone involved will get a sense of accomplishment.

Planting a range of flowers attract honeybees, butterflies, wasps, birds and native bees. The flowers and plants attract insects creating a safe home for them. Attracting pollinators to plant seeds will help plants reproduce. The main purpose of flowers and plants is to reproduce.

We have foxglove plants in our garden. These are a very important source of pollen for bees which are often inside these flowers.



Spot the bee feeding of the runner bean plant



The importance of bees?

Bees depend on us for survival!

Bees provide high quality food such as honey



This photo is from Earth shot Prize as I did not want to go to close to bees incase I disturbed them.

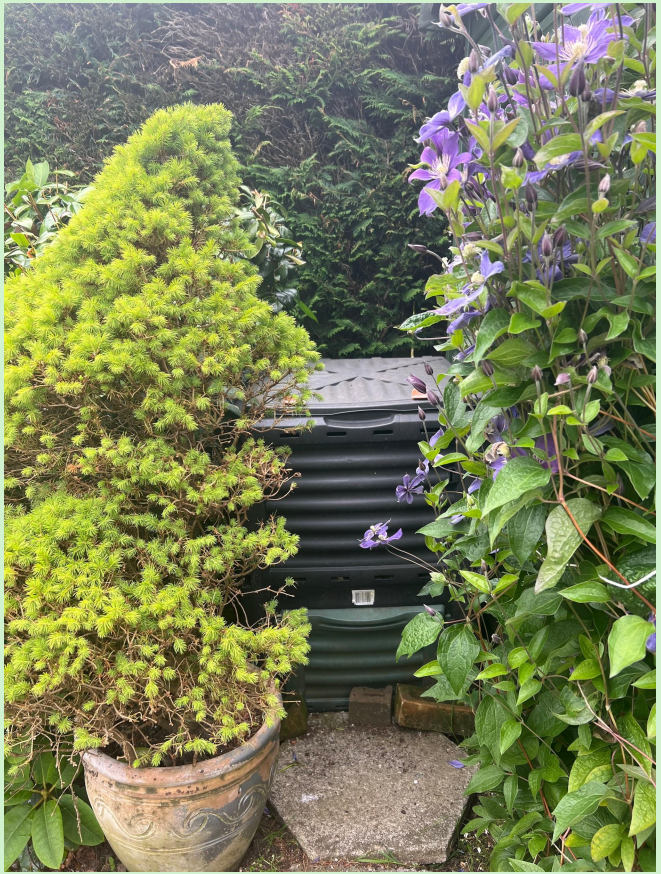
1 in 3 mouthfuls of our food relies on pollunition

Crops that depend on pollination are five times more valuable than those that do not.

Almost 90% of wild plants and 75% of leading global crops depend on pollination!

Conserve…

When outside I began thinking what we could add to the garden for further the sustainability of the garden. I decided to add a compost bin / wormery. I bought a compost container then put it on bare soil. Each time we have vegetables or fruit waste I add them to the container. Also added some grass cuttings, newspaper and cardboard to start it off. All recycling. Occasionally I will add garotta which helps to speed up and breakdown the material into compost. The worms have started to appear from the soil. I have ensured this is placed on the soil and in a safe area.



Share…

I have taken photos to share with my nursery setting to encourage implementing one in my setting. The children will be able to learn that worms turn our waste into soil. This will introduce the process of recycling to them. Having a wormery will encourage them to look closely at worms and connect with nature from a young age.

I have also posted the process of this to tiktok as this is the most popular form of social media at the moment. Posting this will promote and encourage the idea of a compost bin and met a new group of people who might be interested in implementing one. For future plan's at the setting I am going to look at making a bug hotel with the children to attract new insects and bugs.



(Picture taken from The Guardian)



Conserve and Share…

Additionally planting multiple tomato plants in order to give out the vegetables to the neighbours and family. My nephew will enjoy picking the tomatoes and also begging to understand nature. He will also begin to understand the concept of sharing and giving to others.



At my setting we spent the day outdoors appreciating the outdoors and allowing the children to be at one with nature. At the end we went on a walk to look at the range of nature growing. They enjoyed spotting all the different colours and collected any that were fallen amongst the grass. We presented this as a ‘nature tree’ showing each individual childs favourite aspects of nature.















In my setting we have been growing sunflowers. We decided to create an observational painting looking in detail at the beautiful flowers they had grown and really appreciating them. These were beautiful to see the different details each child picked up on. These were created by 3-4 year olds all looking at the same sunflowers.

From completing the John Muir award I learnt that leaving patches of grass to become wild will attract and encourages new bugs and insects to the area as well as watch beautiful plants grow. Baring this in mind we are leaving the bank to grow wild for the children to explore what grows and introduce them to new bugs and insects.

Our setting is becoming more and more sustainable and will continue to do so!