

Context: Gardening

Nursery
Age 1-4

Title: Planting a strawberry basket

Adult-initiated and supported

Planting and growing fruit and vegetables supports our children to explore living things and observe and talk about changes as they happen. We have created an edible garden to enable the children to watch, produce, grow and prepare their own food. On this occasion, a strawberry basket was being planted.



A - *I know what to do, you have to squash the soil around like this.*

B - *They need water too to grow.*

C - *Ooo, can I help, do you do it like this?*

A gets stuck right in, confidently placing plants and filling up the container.

D. joins in asking, *“What are you doing, flowers?”*

E. Joins in, copying actions from her older peers.



Possible future provision/next steps

Care for the growing strawberry plants over time to support understanding of the key features of the life cycle of a plant. Use produce from the garden in cooking. Experiment with juicing.

Learning outcomes include (Development Matters, Understanding the World):

3 & 4 year olds: *Care for growing plants.*

Characteristics of effective teaching and learning – Playing and exploring: *Do things independently that they have been previously taught.*