

TOPIC: THE GARDEN

Day 1	Stepping Stones/ Learning Goals	Activity	Adult Role and Assessment Focus	Resources	
1. Personal, social and emotional development	Have awareness of behavioural expectations	Working outside with gardening tools	Demonstrate that injustices are addressed and resolved	Tools/equipment	
2. Communication, language & literacy	Listening to favourite stories Recall events	Reading story together 'The Enormous Turnip'	Allow time for children to frame their ideas in words	Story - Big Book	
3. Mathematical Development	Estimating numbers - counting up to 10	estimate a number up to 10 and check by counting objects	Ask children how many animals - estimate <u>first</u>	Rubber animals Trays	
4. Knowledge and Understanding of the World	Investigating materials - soil	Gardening with tools - digging out weeds	Ensure safety and hygiene	Plastic tools Flower tubs	
5. Physical Development	Controlling tools	Digging out weeds - explore different tools and their purpose	Introduce new vocabulary - e.g. trowel, hoe etc.	Gardening equipment	
6. Creative Development	Exploring texture and natural materials	Printing with leaves Describe actions	Support children in making choices	Leaves Natural materials Paint Paper	

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Day 2	Stepping Stones/ Learning Goals	Activity	Adult Role and Assessment Focus	Resources	
1. Personal, social and emotional development	Express needs and feelings in appropriate ways	See 5. Physical Development and 6. Creative Development	Acknowledge children's feelings and work with them to resolve conflicts	See 5. Physical Development and 6. Creative Development	
2. Communication, language & literacy	Hold pencil effectively	Pencil control	Extend activity with other writing activities	Pencil control worksheet	
3. Mathematical Development	Compare and order numbers	Put correct number of objects by numeral	Use mathematical language with children to check order	Number cards Compare bears	
4. Knowledge and Understanding of the World	Mouse control using a simple software program	ICT directional activity on computer	Use correct language for activity	Computer Software program e.g. paint	
5. Physical Development	Show awareness of space	Direction games (outside if dry)	Extend skills with following games	Markers Outdoor area	
6. Creative Development	Making a collage	Make a collage with seeds and other natural materials	Demonstrate covering area with glue and then adding materials	Card Seeds Leaves Twigs etc. Glue	

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Day 3	Stepping Stones/ Learning Goals	Activity	Adult Role and Assessment Focus	Resources	
1. Personal, social and emotional development	Respecting other children and adults	See 4. Knowledge and Understanding of the World and 5. Physical Development	Ensure all children are included and observe the group	See 4. Knowledge and Understanding of the World and 5. Physical Development	
2. Communication, language & literacy	Write captions - use writing for communicating	Draw a picture about a story and label the picture	Act as a scribe if necessary	Drawing and writing materials	
3. Mathematical Development	Recognise and write numerals	Writing numerals	Writing big numeral - describe movement	Numeral sheets	
4. Knowledge and Understanding of the World	Investigate materials by using senses	Filling plant pots with wet sand	Use capacity language with children	Plant pots Scoops Sand Tray Water	
5. Physical Development	Show increasing control	Pushing wheelbarrow up and down ramps	Discuss pushing and pulling with group	Wheelbarrows Ramps	
6. Creative Development	Work creatively making patterns	Collage activity continued	Introduce vocabulary to help children compare and discuss	Collage materials	

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Day 4	Stepping Stones/ Learning Goals	Activity	Adult Role and Assessment Focus	Resources	
1. Personal, social and emotional development	Show confidence in linking up with others	See 5. Physical Development	Notice how children work together and who with	See 5. Physical Development	
2. Communication, language & literacy	Pencil control - up and down movement	Drawing worms - 'wiggly' lines	Observe child's ability to control pencil effectively	Worm/ 'wiggly' line worksheets Colours Pencils	
3. Mathematical Development	Making colour sequences	Threading pattern sequences with cotton reels	Assess child's understanding of sequence	Cotton reels Threads and pattern cards to follow	
4. Knowledge and Understanding of the World	Understanding change (past/present)	Seasons jigsaws	Ask open-ended questions about the seasons	Seasons jigsaws	
5. Physical Development	Using fingers to make a long shape	Making plasticine worms	Demonstrate technique Discuss movement	Plasticine Plastic knives Modelling tools	
6. Creative Development	Exploring textures with colour	Using greens - long, shiny, soft, short, smooth - variety of materials	Encourage children to feel and describe textures	Variety of green materials e.g. Paper, leaves, grass, cloth etc. Glue and scissors	

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Day 5	Stepping Stones/ Learning Goals	Activity	Adult Role and Assessment Focus	Resources	
1. Personal, social and emotional development	Manage developmentally appropriate tasks	See 6. Creative Development	Consider when and if to intervene	See 6. Creative Development	
2. Communication, language & literacy	Enjoying a story	Story time - 'A Secret Place'	Describe details in pictures and encourage discussion	Story - 'A Secret Place'	
3. Mathematical Development	Making patterns and shapes	Pegboards and pegs - making flower patterns	Praise children's achievements and efforts	Large peg boards and coloured pegs	
4. Knowledge and Understanding of the World	Showing awareness of growth and change	Look at sunflowers - compare and describe growth	Introduce vocabulary related to plant parts e.g. Stem, petal	Children's sunflower plants	
5. Physical Development	Using different parts of the body to create new actions	Music and movement - moving in the sun and wind	Ensure all children understand the objectives	Music tape (with change in rhythm and speed)	
6. Creative Development	Using colour and imaginative skills	Making flower patterns and designs	Discuss ideas and designs with the group	Bright coloured pieces of paper cut into circles, ovals, rectangles etc. Glue Scissors	