

EY 3.2

GROWING ACTIVITY 3

STRAWBERRY WELLIES

If you have some old wellies lying around, don't throw them away. They are a fun container for growing strawberries and lots of other plants in small spaces. Ask parents and carers to bring in some old wellies from home if they have any they don't need any more.

Curriculum links

Communication and language	Listening and attention; Understanding; Speaking.
Physical development	Moving and handling; Health and self-care.
Personal, social and emotional development	Self-confidence and self awareness; Managing feelings and behaviour; Making relationships.
Literacy	Reading.
Mathematics	Numbers; Shape, space and measures.
Understanding the world	People and communities.
Expressive arts and design	Exploring and using media and materials; Being imaginative.

What you need:

- Old wellies.
- Gravel or stones.
- Compost.
- Strawberry plants (standard or alpine).

Introduction

Brilliant stories to introduce this activity with are 'The Little Mouse', 'The Red Ripe Strawberry', and 'The Hungry Bear', by Don and Audrey Wood.

TIP:

For extra drainage put a few holes in the bottom of the wellies. You could also cut a couple of extra slits into the sides of each welly to fit more plants in.

CAUTION:

Some children have strawberry allergies and come out in a red rash when they eat them.

