

Summer Term 2020

Topic - Allotment

1. Make a plan of your dream house.

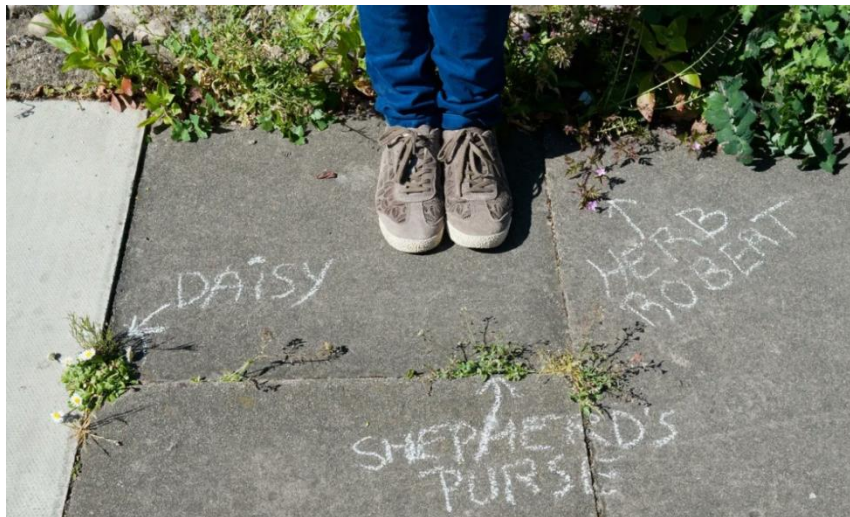
Do you want a pool? No problem! A football pitch? Of course! A gaming room? Duhh! Draw all areas of your dream house, I would love to see what it looks like! Your garden MUST have an allotment. The allotment must be an 'L' shape. The catch you may ask? You need to measure the area and perimeter of every room in your house and the area and perimeter of your allotment. This is why it is especially important that you use a ruler!

2. Find an area in your garden suitable for planting.

Have a look around your garden, find an area large or small to either plant in or space for some plant pots (ask your grown ups before you start digging around!).

3. Become a botanical activist.

Some people see weeds as pesky things, because they grow EVERYWHERE! However, we have become accustomed to just calling them 'weeds'. Do some online research about weeds, find the correct names, look at images, remember them. The next time you go out on your daily walk, take some chalk with you and label what you see - share what you know!



4. Research before you grow.

Before we start planting anything, research what can be grown at this time of year. You can plant seeds now but that doesn't mean they will pop up overnight. Fruits and vegetables are seasonal - find out what you can plant now and estimate when you will be able to harvest it.

5. Sow some seeds.

Plant whatever you want (with grown ups permission). Ask your grown ups if it would be possible to get some plant pots, seeds and compost from the shop - I know it's tricky at the moment. I haven't bought seeds from the shop, I have researched what I can grow using food scraps. Use the internet to see what food scraps you can use, have a little look in your fridge, see if you have anything in there that you can use to plant. Make sure you look at how you grow them. It may not be as straight forward as just planting.

6. Create a time lapse video.

If you choose to plant flowers document the process and the progress they make. Take photos of every day and create a time lapse video.

7. Document your process.

Whatever you choose to do, document it! Write a diary, take lots of photos and/or record a video. Sometimes it's all too easy to feel a little down when things don't happen overnight, we need to be patient. Make sure you document the bugs that make their way into your mini allotment, try using the scientific names - like we learned in Margam.

8. Label, label, label!

Make sure when you start planning you label what you've planted and where. You could be documenting the progress of a carrot that turns out to be a lettuce! Make sure you find the Welsh names of these fruits, vegetables and flowers. Label them bilingually.

9. Make your own compost.

Research what compost is, how it's made and why it's used. Then make your own! Have a look at the two sheets also attached to this email for support.

10. Create a mind map on the benefits of an allotment.

Find all the reasons why an allotment is beneficial. There are lots of different reasons!

11. Make your own scarecrow.

What is the purpose of a scarecrow? Find out why they are used and if they are still used and then create your own! Find all the resources you need on your daily exercise.

12. Create your own butterfly garden.

We all know butterflies are beautiful. Why not brighten up your garden even more by inviting in some colourful butterflies. See the attached sheet for support.

Have fun and be safe! 😊