



Activities at Home

Dear Parents,

The activity for week 1 beginning 7th January is:

From potato field to our plate

The activity we will be covering involves:

- talking about types of farms – an arable farm and a livestock farm
 - talking about machinery that is used to prepare the fields to grow and then harvest potatoes
 - looking at the lifecycle of the potato
 - learning what happens to the potatoes once they are grown and are picked up from the fields
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Our activity includes:

- reading the story ‘Oliver’s Vegetables’ by Vivian French
 - retelling the story using puppets
 - talking about potatoes – who can grow them, how they grow and what machinery is used to prepare and look after the fields before planting and during the growth of the potatoes
 - using ICT for research and watching a short video clip of the potato journey
 - looking at different kinds of potatoes and how we can prepare them
 - talking about old days when there were no tractors and machinery
 - ‘Under or over’ – sorting vegetables into two groups depending if they grow under the ground or over the ground.
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You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.

Our suggested activities are:

- cook potatoes at home with your child and allow him/her to experience different ways they can be prepared
- make a vegetable patch with your child and regularly check on the produce to be eaten
- leave a potato in a warm, dry area so that it can begin to grow roots;
- have fun with potato printing