



Summer Experiences

Week 5 – A day in the garden.

Welcome to week 5 of the DDAT Summer Experiences Pack. This week the theme is 'A day in the garden.'

- You have made it to the penultimate week of the experiences, well done! Just two more weeks to go. This week is all about spending 'A day in the garden.' Don't worry if you haven't got a garden, you will get the chance to tour one, or perhaps you may visit a family garden, or go to a garden in a park near your home. You choose!
- Once again, you have to complete your 6 activities and email your evidence of completing them to DDAT.summer.experience@ddat.org.uk. You will then gain your 'nature' virtual badge.
- As always there are 3 levels of challenge.

Red challenge is aimed at Nursery and Reception children.

Green challenge is for Years 1, 2 and 3.

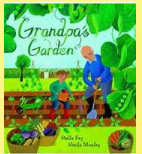
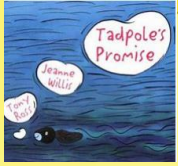
Blue challenge is for Years 4, 5 and 6.

Remember if the challenge is in black, everyone can complete it, even members of your family! Push yourself to achieve the very best that you can!

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- We can't wait to find out which challenges you enjoyed the most.



Read a book about gardens:



A Day in the... ... Garden



Try using flowers to paint with. Gently dip the flowers into paint and press them onto paper to make a printed picture.

? Maths Brainteaser: CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Red flower} + \text{Red flower} + \text{Red flower} &= 24 \\ \text{Red flower} + \text{Blue flower} + \text{Blue flower} &= 18 \\ \text{Blue flower} - \text{Orange flower} &= 1 \\ \text{Red flower} + \text{Blue flower} + \text{Orange flower} &= ? \end{aligned}$$

Find a hill and climb it! Now the best bit...roll down it!

Was it quicker to walk up or roll down?

Make a wildlife home:

You could make a bee hotel, a frog or toad home or a shelter for a hedgehog.

There are lots of ideas and instructions [here](#).

Younger children will need adult support.



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Create your own garden scrapbook. Collect flowers, leaves and seeds and press them between paper towels under a heavy object. Stick them on some paper (or in a scrap book).

Find out the names of the things and label them.

Find out if the leaves are from deciduous trees. How do the flowers reproduce?

Ask permission before picking things.



According to legend, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the 7 Ancient Wonders of the World, were built in the 6th century BC by King Nebuchadnezzar. His wife missed the wooded mountains of her home. The King built her a tower covered with exotic trees and plants so that it resembled a mountain.

Make your own hanging garden: build a tower out of empty plastic pots and plant them with some flowers.

What were the other 6 Ancient Wonders of the World?

No remains of the gardens have been found so historians are not sure they existed. Read [this article](#) and decide for yourself!



Listen to the birds. Can you identify a bird from its song?

This website will help you: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-songs/what-bird-is-that/>

Duchess Unveils Garden

The Duchess of Cambridge has unveiled her garden at the Chelsea Flower Show.

She visited the woodland wilderness garden with schoolchildren a day after her own children enjoyed it. The royal children spent an hour playing in the Back to Nature Garden, which has a tree house, stream and swing. Charlotte was pictured on a swing, while a barefoot George paddled in a stream and Louis ran about with a stick. Over the past months, George, Charlotte and Louis helped their mother collect leaves, moss and twigs, which were then incorporated into the garden. The garden includes a tree house, waterfall, rustic den and a campfire as well as tree stumps, stepping stones and a hollow log for children to play on. The garden is intended to highlight the benefits the natural world brings to mental and physical well-being. The Duchess said, "I really hope this woodland that we have created inspires families, kids and communities to get outside, enjoy nature and the outdoors, and spend quality time together."


Design your own garden for children:

Draw a picture and label it. ☐

Draw a picture and label it. Explain why each feature is important. ☐

Draw a plan of the garden, think about the scale. Choose features that will appeal to all age groups. ☐




Play in a stream ☐
Play pooh sticks ☐
Build a dam to stop the water ☐
What creatures can you find? ☐
 Leave the stream as you found it. ☐

Some people find gardens inspirational. Read these quotes about gardens and talk about them with an adult. Do you agree with any of them?

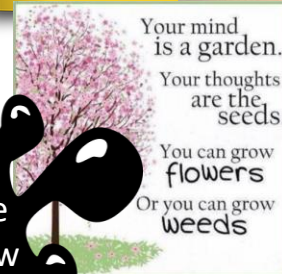
IN EVERY WALK WITH NATURE ONE RECEIVES FAR MORE THAN HE SEEKS. ☐

Some people think a 4-leaved clover is lucky. Can you find one? ☐



Play in the mud! Draw pictures or write a message! ☐

Your mind is a garden.
Your thoughts are the seeds.
You can grow flowers
Or you can grow weeds



ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST.
WHAT YOU PLANT NOW,
YOU WILL HARVEST LATER.



Learn how to skim stones across water
Choose a flat, smooth stone. Throw it as horizontally as possible. How many jumps does your stone make?



Do not throw stones near people or animals. ☐

Make a daisy chain. Can you make a crown out of other flowers? Could you add other natural materials? ☐