

Summer Nature Kit - Seasonal Gardening Tasks



As the summer season unfolds, it's the perfect time to engage students in the school garden and explore the wonders of nature. The garden provides a living classroom where students can learn about plants, observe growth, and develop a deeper connection with the environment. Here are some activity suggestions specifically tailored for the school garden at this time of year:

- 1. Water Plants:**
Encourage students to take on the responsibility of watering the plants in the garden. Teach them about the watering needs of different plants and the importance of providing the right amount of hydration. This activity allows students to develop a sense of ownership and responsibility while learning about plant care.
- 2. Sow Biennial Seeds - Foxglove, Wallflowers, Carrots:**
Introduce students to the concept of biennial plants and guide them in sowing seeds of foxglove, wallflowers, and carrots. Teach them about seed-sowing techniques, spacing, and the ideal conditions for germination. This hands-on activity promotes an understanding of plant life cycles and growth.
- 3. Mow Lawn, Trim Hedges:**
Engage students in the garden maintenance by organising a lawn mowing and hedge trimming activities. Teach them the proper techniques for safely using garden tools such as lawnmowers and hedge trimmers. This activity promotes teamwork, physical activity, and tidying the garden.
- 4. Learn about Seasonal Summer Fruits:**
Create an opportunity for students to explore seasonal summer fruits in the garden. Introduce them to various fruits, such as strawberries, watermelons, and raspberries. Teach them about the growth requirements of fruit plants and discuss the nutritional benefits of consuming fresh, locally grown fruits. This activity fosters an appreciation for healthy eating and the abundance of nature.

Feel free to incorporate these suggestions into your lesson plans, adapting them to suit your student's level and the resources available in your school garden. The school garden offers endless possibilities for experiential learning and fosters a sense of environmental stewardship among students. Enjoy the vibrant and educational experiences in the school garden during this delightful time of year!

