

Trafalgar Infant School

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Biggest success

To be able to use the garden to teach every child innumerable things from horticulture to habitats to healthy eating.

Learning and teaching

The garden is used for teaching across the curriculum. For example, children are taught where food comes from and the miles food travels in comparison to growing your own as part of Geography. Year 2 students also do a healthy eating project using the garden. The introduction of chickens has enabled teaching of the lifecycle and care for living things in reception.

History

The school garden was set up roughly 10 years ago by Rachel Hutchins, a reception parent at the time, who wanted her child to be able to learn where food comes from and how to grow it. The garden enabled all children in the school to access an outdoor environment but also enabled teachers and teaching assistants to have a different and enriching resource with which to teach.

Next steps

Future aims for the garden are to obtain funding to build an outdoor classroom, get an outdoor tap, and ideally employ a full time sustainability teacher.

Biggest challenge

Encouraging the local community to get involved with the school garden. Response to local DIY days has been poor, but this is getting better!



Changes in the last 10 years

What started out as a reception garden has broadened into a garden used by the whole school almost every day of the week. Teaching assistants now run sessions in the garden three afternoons a week in addition to three gardening clubs. Chickens and guinea pigs have been introduced to the garden.



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