

Communication and Language		Personal, Social and Emotional Development		Physical Development			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hide some vegetables in a large activity tray filled with soil. Invite children to harvest the vegetables and explore vocabulary to describe them, such as 'leafy', 'rough' and 'smooth'. Also, introduce names for each vegetable the children find. Have a tuff tray with different forms of wheat in it. Can the children describe how it feels? Can they compare the different forms, what is the same and what is different? Look through some recipe books and talk about any new vocabulary included. Then, create opportunities to use this new vocabulary by placing the books into continuous provision, e.g. in the home corner, mud kitchen, playdough area. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work together to build a large scarecrow to display in the outside area. Encourage children to talk about their ideas, share resources, try out different approaches and work together to achieve their goal. Read the Little Red Hen. Can the children talk about how the hen was feeling? Can the children talk about why it is important to help someone? Read Don't Hog the Hedge (twinkle book). Use this as a starting point to discuss the importance of sharing and turn taking. Remind children of things we can do to help with sharing (sand timers etc). Remind children of prior learning: People Who Help Us and link it to the story of the little Red Hen. Encourage children to talk about when they last helped someone. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop fine motor skills by using scissors to cut a windmill out of paper or card and attach the sails with a split pin. Discuss healthy eating and provide a recipe for making Vegetable Soup. Invite children to practise their small motor skills to help to wash and prepare the vegetables with a range of cooking utensils, such as vegetable scrubbing brushes and child-safe knives/peelers. Prompt children to use large apparatus outside to create a tractor to help the Little Red Hen with her work. They could use crates, pipes or tyres and work as a group. In a deep enough tray provide soil, tweezers, seeds, spoons and forks for children to sow seeds. 			
Literacy		Maths		Understanding the World		Expressive Arts and Design	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hide some vegetables in a large activity tray filled with soil. Provide some small gardening tools along with pencils and paper on clipboards to record their discoveries. In the farm shop role play area provide mark making materials for children to write shopping lists and receipts. Read the story of The little Red Hen. Learn a part of the story using a story map. Encourage children to create their own Little Red Hen story map. Create puppets of the characters from The Little Red Hen can the children remember what the characters say? Learn the words and actions to We're Going on a Bear Hunt. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a balance scale along with a selection of vegetables. Invite children to compare and describe the weight of the different vegetables. Potato/vegetable stamping, can the children talk about the colours they are using/shapes they are making? Can they create patterns? In the farm shop role play area, add price tags to the vegetables with numbers 0-5. Encourage children to identify the numbers and count out that many pennies. Place number cards in order. Ask children to close their eyes and use a Little Red Hen puppet to take a number away. When children open their eyes, can they work out which number is missing using the consecutive numbers either side? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide some vegetables for children to investigate. Invite children to make observations and draw pictures of the vegetables, talking about similarities and differences between the vegetables. Display different paw prints; Can the children guess the animal? Use photos/videos to explain what hibernation is. Use hot water bottles, make a nest for one and leave the other out. Can the children make predictions as to which one will cool faster? Make hedgehog dens Look at tractors from the past and present. Explain that some of the tractors they can see were used a long time ago. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite children to explore collage techniques to decorate a large scarecrow picture as a collaborative art activity. Provide straw along with pieces of fabric for children to use to decorate their scarecrow. Learn the songs Harvest Festival Samba, Leaves are Changing and Five Little Peas. Set up a farm shop role play area. Provide real fruit and/or veg. Egg boxes/milk cartons/cereal boxes. Put price tags on the food and provide tills and shopping bags. Prompt children to experiment with creating different textures by adding flour, grains, seeds, salt, etc. to paint or white glue. Then allow them to create their own pictures with it. 	

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