The background is white and filled with various colorful festive elements. There are several starburst shapes in blue, red, orange, and green. Swirling lines in green, yellow, and blue are scattered throughout. Small dots in various colors (red, orange, yellow, blue, green, grey) are also present. A blue rectangular box with a green border is centered in the upper half of the image.

The end of our project  
and time to celebrate  
our work!

CeleBRate

From the  
beginning

# The Pear Tree





# The Cold Frame





# Family Learning



# Recipes

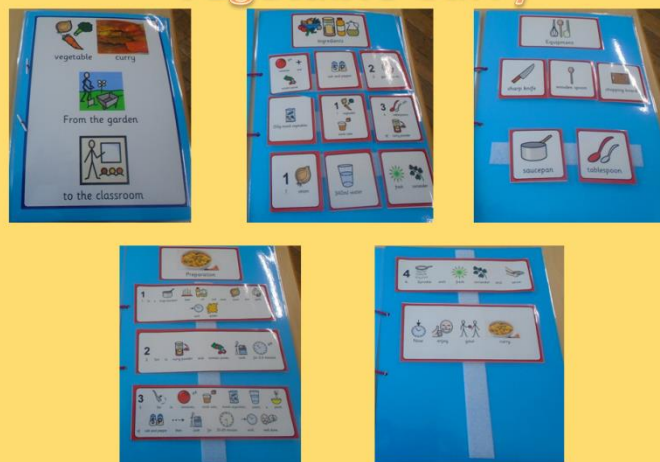
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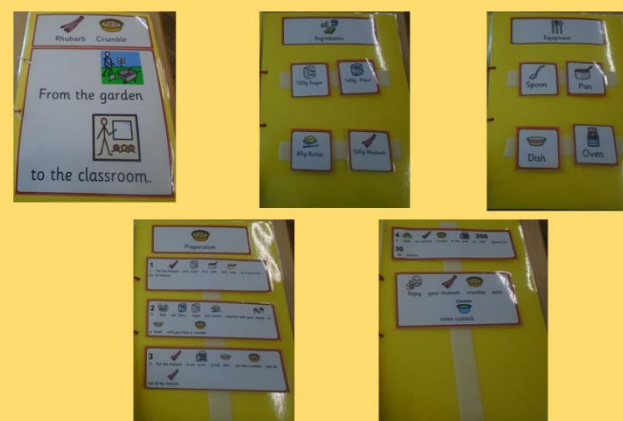
## Eton Mess



## Vegetable Curry



## Rhubarb Crumble





# The Scarecrow



# The 'Magic Scarecrow' Story

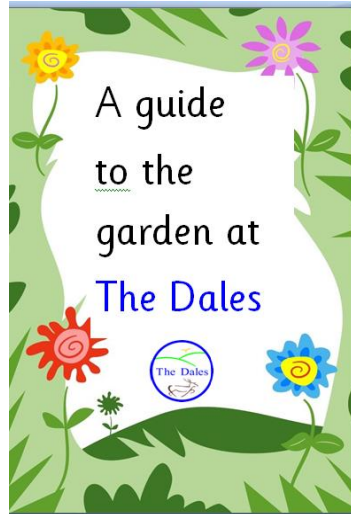




# Compost



# A Guide to the Garden



## A guide to the garden at The Dales



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### Benefits

The garden is a safe and fun environment for the children to interact with their peers.

The garden enables children to develop:

- Personal and communication skills.
- Physical skills.
- Enhanced mental and spiritual health.
- Enhanced sensory awareness.
- The chance to learn through exploration and play.



### Skills Developed

#### **Gross Motor Skills:**

- The large muscle groups are used during the physical activity, improving skills such as hand-eye coordination, core stability and muscle tone.

#### **Sensory System**

- The vestibular system is used which provides input regarding movement and spatial orientation.

#### **Social Interaction**

- Teamwork skills are developed by exploring the environment and discovering new ways to enjoy the environment.

#### **Creativity**

- Children are able to use their imagination in the garden to create a world that is meaningful to them and that they wish to explore.



### Set Up and Equipment



Fire Pit/ BBQ



Herb Garden



Walkways



Wildlife Pond



Play House



Growing Food

### Social Skills/ Games

- Hide & Seek
- What's the time Mr Wolf?
- Big garden games – Draughts/ Snakes and Ladders
- Small world play in sensory tyres
- Hammocks
- Climbing Trees
- Balancing/Teamwork
- Den Building
- BBQ



### Gross Motor and Muscle Development

Gross motor refers to large muscle movements that are driven mostly by the larger muscle group of the body. Movements of the whole arm, the legs, and the trunk are all gross motor movements.



Screwing



Drilling



Exploring



Hammering



Measuring



Painting

### Fine Motor Skills Development

#### **Pincer grasp – Sewing Seeds**



#### **Hand Strengthening – Using Cutters**



#### **Hand-eye Coordination – Weeding, weeding, painting, sewing and cutting.**





# Sharing the project with our parents



A BIG THANK YOU FROM  
EVERYONE AT  
THE DALES SCHOOL

