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Back Again For our 3rd Year!

Welcome to a new year of gardening club news. Year 3 here we come!

This year we are running the garden club rota by class. Since the summer holidays members of Royal Blues have been busy helping me clear the Wild Orchard of the weeds that had overgrown during the summer holidays. We have also been tidying the beds in the front garden ready for winter. We have covered our precious strawberry plants with one of the skylights (saved last year from the renewal works) these make perfect greenhouses for our beds over the winter.

On the last garden club of this half term this week, we did some pumpkin printing using apples. Although sadly this year we did not have a real life pumpkin patch, we did manage to get some pumpkins in the building!



Vertical Indoor Garden

We are in the process of installing our first indoor vertical garden for over winter growing. Although we have our greenhouse it isn't heated, so we are limited to what we can grow over the winter months.

The indoor garden will consist of a fabric shoe hanger with 16 pockets. Into these pockets will go our growing pods which will be made from water bottles with the tops cut off. We will then endeavour to grow salad plants and other smaller vegetables that the kitchen can use during the winter months. This is uncharted territory for the children and I so watch this space for news on how we are progressing!

And finally an appeal

If anyone has a lonely houseplant that needs a new home, please let us take it off your hands! We want to get some foliage in school to bring the outdoors in during the winter months.

Have a wonderful half term

Mrs Garrod-Spall