



RAINY DAY IDEAS FOR GARDEN SESSIONS

While the kitchen is an all-weather environment, there will be days when it is just too wet and rainy to take your students into the garden. So here are some rainy day ideas you can use for those wet sessions. You may have space in a garden shed for the students to work or you might need to teach in the classroom, so we have created a list of ideas for both spaces.

Rainy Day Ideas if you have a Garden Shed to work in

- Planting seeds. Separating seedlings.
- Making flowerpot scarecrows. You will need drill, wire and plastic pots.
- Garden Art – cutting and sawing wood to size for garden signs
- Spray paint odd shoes from lost property, fill with soil and a plant

Rainy Day Ideas for the classroom

- Painting signs for the garden. This might be naming the garden beds, making signs to show what crops have been planted, signs on how to use the compost, bokashi and worm bins properly, or just decorative art works. Old work shirts are good to protect clothes from the non-washable paint you need to use in the garden
- Get the children to be plant detectives.

Quickly gather some leaves from the garden before the session. Then test the children to see what they can identify. Ask them to smell and touch the leaves (and taste if safe). This could also be done with herbs, or spices from the kitchen.

- Make bird feeders from pine cones
- Sew lavender pouches or tea bags using previously harvested and dried produce – this can be a great fundraiser for your school's Garden to Table programme
- Ask children to draw a plan of the garden and come up with a planting plan for the following season. What might they need to consider?
- Ask the children to draw a plan of their garden at home or their dream garden. Is there anything edible in their garden? What is their favourite thing about the garden?
- Give the children seed packets to read for information and then work out how many of each type of seed they could fit in one of your garden beds – a great maths activity
- Start your own seed bank and investigate what you might need. If seeds you have saved from the garden are dry, you can sort and label them and set up a storage system
- Quizzes, crosswords, word finds about the garden

See the [Garden to Table website](#) for more ideas and downloads