

Dig it up

EYFS

Life cycles

Plants and
animals



Book

The Enormous
Turnip



Enquiry question

Where does our food
come from?

Drama and Dance



ART



Life on a farm



Our topic this term is 'Dig it up'.

To get started, here are some ideas that the children could try at home. These are ongoing and do not have a time frame attached to them. You may decide to pick one a week!

- Listen to the story of The Enormous Turnip <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/55ss9qY2fJvKLQObmJg7tYR/boris-and-the-giant-turnip> (on this web page it tells you the background of this Russian story and there are some questions about the story that you can ask your child.) Or watch it on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DHapgxqBpg>
- Grow some cress! Read the attached sheet for a fun investigation on how to grow your cress. Take a picture of your cress when it has grown and send it in! Can you solve the 'Wonder' boxes?
- Create a mind map of words and pictures of what you know about life on a farm. You might want to include what lives on a farm, what grows on a farm, what type of machinery might be on a farm. (adult or child can write the words)
- Watch the following clip and draw pictures to show the journey of 'farm to fork' for a carrot!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pf74rrn1uLk>
- Create a picture of a farm. Think about all the things that the picture could include eg (farm house, animals, crops, vegetables, machinery etc) You could paint your picture, colour it or use some collage!



or create a picture inspired by [Arcimboldo](#) using fruit/vegetables. (See sheet below for some inspiring fun ideas.)

- Enjoy some drama/dance retelling the story of The Enormous Turnip - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p052fxz6>
- Conduct the experiment 're-growing vegetables' - see attached sheet.

Useful web links:

- https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=farm+to+fork+tesco (numerous short videos on farm to fork)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zs97tfr> (bbc bitesize - working on a livestock farm – nice short videos, e.g. milking cows)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1-ks2-how-our-milk-gets-from-the-farm-to-the-shop/z444d6f> (how our milk gets from farm to shop – a slightly longer video but very informative)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08UXE4JmSvo> (life cycles on the farm – very short videos on sheep and cows)
- <https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/environment/o-is-for-organic-food/#> (organic farming – this is pitched at a high level with information to read to your child and short pod casts.)
- <https://www.kids-country.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/paper-plant-pots.pdf> (make your own environmentally friendly plant pots to grow seeds in)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/down-on-the-farm> (Down on the Farm. Lots of different activities to click on - simple recipes which includes a short 1/2 minute video; interactive computer activities, e.g. a year on the farm, and jigsaws; podcasts; creative making projects, e.g. wooly peg sheep)
- <https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/the-grain-chain/growing-wheat/> (growing wheat 4 minute video)
- Tractor Ted Videos on Youtube e.g. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5u5MjifJRLk> The videos are approximately 10 minutes long. We think all the children will enjoy this Tractor Ted Munchy Crunchy episode.

Time to get creative!

Nearly 500 years ago Giuseppe Arcimboldo (1526-1593) was born into a family of painters in the northern Italian city of Milan. Giuseppe Arcimboldo is well known today for painting portraits of people made out of different types of fruits, vegetables, meat and fish.



Would you like to
Arcimboldo?

make a piece of art inspired by

