

SUNFLOWERS



In April we planted sunflower seeds.

We mixed water into compost in a baby bath and filled yoghurt pots that we had been collecting.

We put one seed into each pot.

We took the pots indoors and enclosed each one in a polythene bag. The children took some home and we continued to look after all the others. There were 50 in the packet!

We set the pots on a windowsill where the children could see them every day. When the seeds began to shoot we opened the bags and then we had to remember to water them. They do not need to be watered when the bags are sealed.

At the end of May the sunflowers were big enough to go outside to a sheltered sunny spot. Then they needed lots of water.

The seedlings grew too big for their pots and so we planted them out in the garden. The slugs and snails thought that we had prepared salad for them. We found that putting a generous layer of play sand around the base of each plant deterred these greedy visitors as they were unable to crawl across it.

Some sunflowers blossomed in July but the best flowers appeared in September.

