

Sustainable Gardening: Growing a Greener Future

The Science of Sustainable Gardening

Objective:

Understand the scientific principles behind sustainable gardening, including soil health, pollination, and biodiversity.

Age Group: Key Stage 3 Duration: 2 hours

Links to National Curriculum:

- Science: Study ecosystems, biodiversity, and plant reproduction.
- Geography: Investigate sustainability and human-environment interaction.

Activity Plan:

1. Workshop on Sustainability (30 minutes):

 Learn about the nursery's methods for reducing waste, conserving water, and promoting biodiversity.

2. Soil and Pollination Experiment (1 hour):

- Compare soils from different parts of the nursery to understand nutrients and organic matter.
- Observe pollinators in action and discuss their role in plant reproduction.

3. Design a Sustainable Garden (30 minutes):

• Groups create plans for a sustainable garden, considering plant selection, soil health, and water use.

Outcome Across All Key Stages:

- Pupils develop practical gardening skills and a deeper understanding of sustainability.
- Activities encourage curiosity, critical thinking, and actionable steps toward environmental stewardship.