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Sunflower Growing Competition



Dear Parents / Carers

Following on from our "Spread some cheer with flowers in the window" we wanted to do something sunny and fun. Sunflowers can spread a lot of sunshine in our lives as well as attracting bees to your gardens.

We have received a very kind donation from  of packets of dwarf sunflower seeds. We are grateful to Mrs McConnell for organising this and a packet is attached to enable your child to enter our Sunflower Growing Competition.

A prize will be awarded to the pupil who grows the tallest sunflower and the pupil who grows the biggest sunflower head.



Measurements and photographic evidence will need to be submitted via e-mail to homelearning.latchingdon@dcvst.org by the closing date of **Wednesday 14th July 2021**. The winners will be announced on Friday 16th July 2021.

We look forward to receiving your child's entry and please share with us, to the above e-mail address, pictures of your child planting their seeds and updates on how well their sunflower is growing.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Kemp
Headteacher

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What you will need

- Sunflower seeds (dwarf sunflower seeds donated by  provided)
- Plastic cup
- Compost
- Large flowerpot
- A watering-can or hose

Step-by-step

It takes about eight weeks to grow a sunflower from seed and here's how:

1. Put some compost in a plastic cup, almost to the top. Poke your finger in the soil to make a hole for your sunflower seed.
2. Pop a sunflower seed into the hole then cover it with a little compost. Give it a water so it's nice and damp.
3. Put the cup somewhere sunny like a windowsill. Give your sunflower a little water whenever it feels dry.
4. You should see your plant poke through the soil after about 1 or 2 weeks. Now is the time to start measuring how much it grows each week - you could make a log of its progress.
5. When your plant grows too big for the cup, plant it in a bigger flowerpot or outside if you have somewhere warm and sunny.
6. Watch it grow - how high will it go? Here is where the competition starts - please ensure measurements and photographic evidence are submitted via e-mail to homelearning.latchingdon@dcvst.org by the closing date of **Wednesday 14th July 2021**.
7. When the sunflower head starts to turn brown, cut it off and hang it somewhere dry and airy. When the seeds are dry, rub them together to loosen them. Birds can eat your seeds if you leave them in the garden. You could even put them in a bird feeder.

Good Luck - we cannot wait to see all the lovely Sunflowers!