

# Outdoor Area



In our outdoor space, we have added a flower garden and a vegetable patch. William has become a keen gardener since we have developed this and enjoys his time digging in the soil and takes it upon himself to water the plants and the vegetables growing. Once the vegetables are grown, we pluck them and use them in our cooking. William checks the vegetables each day to see if they are ready to be cooked or eaten. In the afternoon we have also set up a tent which William has taken a keen interest in. He reads books and plays in the tent with his friends.

## Benefits of Outdoor Area



- Children develop decision making
- Enables children to re-enact life experiences
- Encourages children to develop and co-ordinate hand / eye movements
- Helps children develop gross motor skills
- Children have a better understanding of spatial awareness
- Develops children's balance



## Linking To The Framework



- Children Have a Strong Sense of Identity
- Children are Connected and Contribute to their World
- Children Have a Strong Sense of Well Being
- Children are Confident and Involved Learners
- Children are Effective Communicators



### Principles

- Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
- Partnerships
- High Expectations and equity
- Respect for diversity
- Ongoing learning and reflective practices

### Practices

- Holistic approaches
- Responsiveness to children
- Learning through play
- Intentional teaching
- Learning environments
- Cultural competence
- Continuity of learning and transition
- Assessment for learning