



Boughton-under-Blean & Dunkirk Methodist Primary School



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Thursday 11th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Brogdale have come up with a great idea to give the kids something to do whilst they are stuck at home. It's called 'Grow a Pip'. The children could have a go at growing their own apple pip into a tree. They hope that by end of this project, the nation's gardens will be full of beautiful little apple trees to be enjoyed over the years. We are really keen for our families to get involved. We feel it is something positive to mark a difficult time for so many people. It certainly has been a year none of us will forget!

Please don't worry if you feel that your garden is not big enough for an apple tree. Once the saplings are more established, we would be happy to plant them in our school grounds, creating our very own apple orchard.

We will have a supply of compost available at school for anyone who needs it. Please just contact the office if you would like to come and collect some.

Instructions

To grow a tree from your pip, you will need:

- An apple
- Compost/soil
- Loo roll inside or pot
- Paper towel
- Plastic bag

Step 1 - February

First eat your apple but not the pips!

Dry all the pips out on a paper towel in a warm place.

Then make the paper towel damp, put it inside a sandwich bag at the back of the fridge, leaving it open just a little to let the air in and leave until you see the seeds crack and a root appear.



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Check on the towel every week or so to make sure it's moist. It will take about 6 weeks.

Step 2 - March

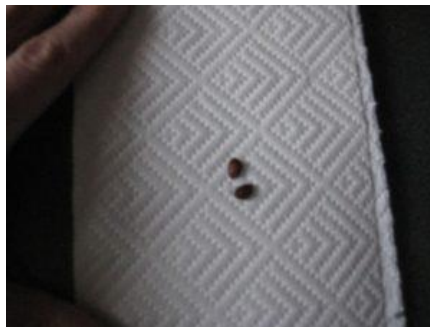
At the end of 6 weeks, some of the seeds may have started to sprout already.

After a minimum of 6 weeks in a moist paper towel in the fridge, you can plant apple seeds just as you would any other seed. Best to start them off in a pot. They need light and to be kept warm and damp.

Then carefully plant the seed inside an empty toilet roll filled with compost or soil 5 cm under the top surface.

Put it in a warm, sunny spot. Keep it watered and watch it grow.

Step 1- February



Step 2- March



The end result



We do hope that many of you will want to get involved in this project. Please do contact the school office if you wish to collect the small amount of compost needed for this.

Kind regards

Jo Cottenden