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# The Best Spot

by CHARLOTTE

Today is cool and cloudy. 

We're going to build a food garden at school. Today, Mrs Lee helped us to plan it.



Mrs Lee knows everything about gardening.



First, we found the best place for our garden. It's a sunny spot that's sheltered from the wind. It's close to a water tap, and Mrs Lee says it has really good soil, too.



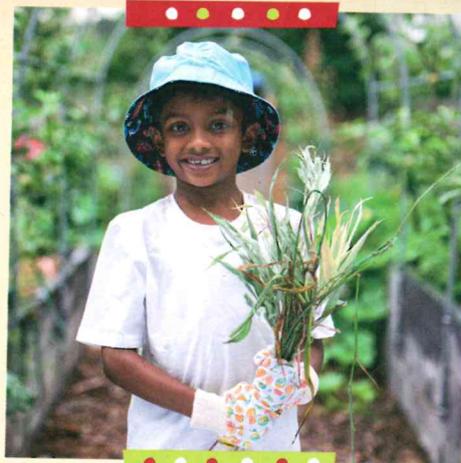
If we plan our garden well, hopefully we will grow lots of food.



# Watch Out, Weeds!

by KEVIN

Today is hot and windy.



Today, everyone helped build the garden. Gemma and I dug up weeds and put them in a bucket of water. In a few weeks, we will take the rotting weeds out of the water and put them in the compost bin.



Watch out,  
weeds!

We don't  
stand a  
chance!

Our new garden is ready for planting!



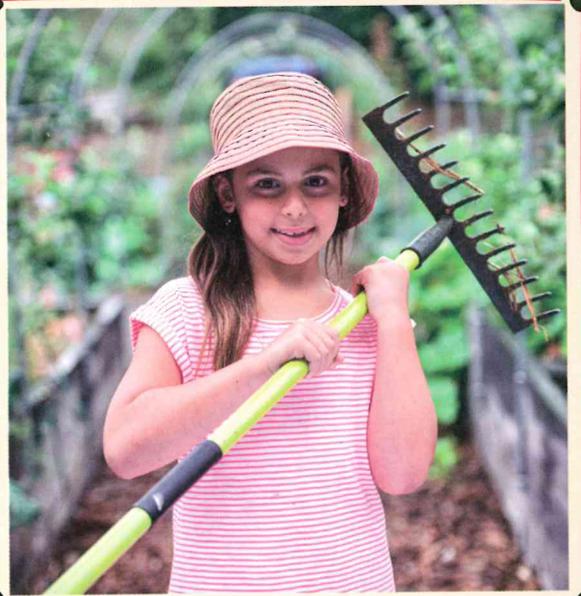
# The Pizza Patch

by STELLA

Today is bright and sunny.

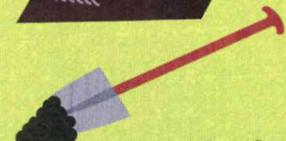


Today, we made a pizza patch – we really did! A pizza patch grows vegetables and herbs to go on pizzas.



## TIPS FOR MAKING A PIZZA PATCH

1. Pull the weeds out of your garden bed and rake the soil.
2. Add some *manure*.
3. Add some straw to keep the soil from getting dry.
4. Plant different *seedlings* in different parts of the garden bed. Each plant will grow a topping for a pizza.





We are growing tomatoes, spring onions,  
courgettes and basil for our pizzas.



Josh and I are planting a tomato seedling.

# A Lot of Rot

by ZOE  
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Today is hot and dry.



Today, we made compost. Compost is made from lots of things that rot. It's a great fertilizer for plants.



Emily and I are putting some leaves into the compost bin.

## COMPOST RECIPE

### You will need:

- green stuff (fresh grass and plant clippings)
- fruit and vegetable scraps



- brown stuff (dried leaves and straw)



- a handful of soil



- water.



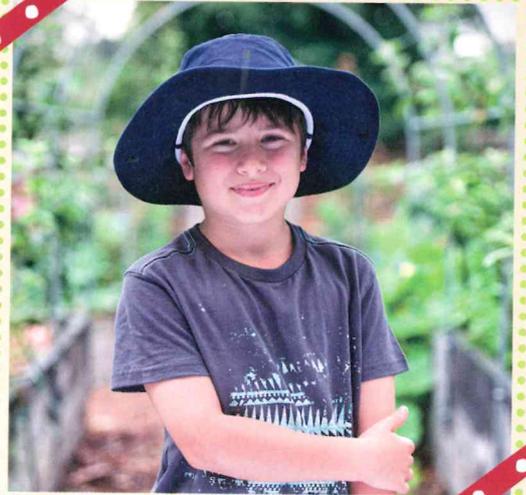
### What to do:

- Put the green stuff, brown stuff, scraps and soil into your compost bin.
- Then sprinkle on some water until the pile is damp.
- Over time, everything will rot and ... guess what! You've made compost!

# From Flower to Fruit

by ALEX

Today is warm.



Big yellow flowers are growing on the courgette plant. Behind them, baby courgettes are starting to grow!

**1** Flowers grow on the plant.



**2** Bees move pollen from one flower to another.



**3** Tiny courgettes start to grow.





# The Worm Farm

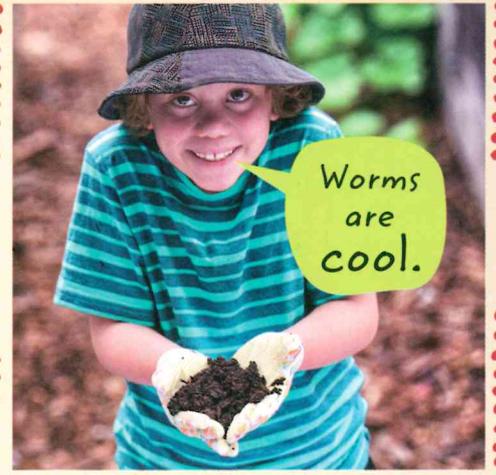
by MARCUS

Today is windy. 

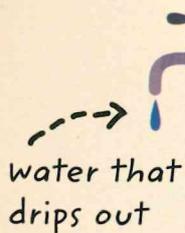
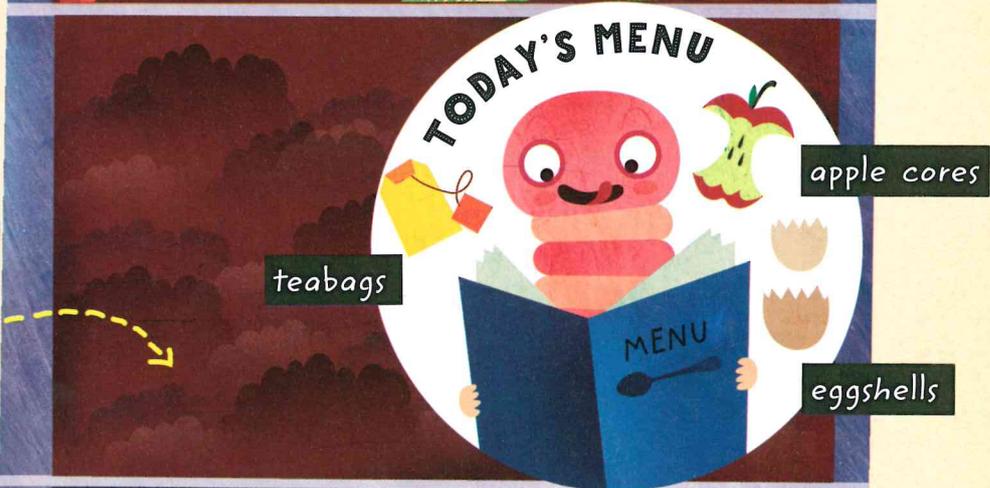
Today, we looked at our worm farm. The worms munch on food scraps and leave behind heaps of worm poo (called castings).

We mixed some worm poo with water to make a kind of worm tea. We fed this to the plants.

Our worm tea will help the plants grow.



# THE WORM FARM



# Pesky Pests

by VANESSA

Today is showery.



Help! The pizza patch is being invaded!  
It's not aliens invading our garden, it's pests.  
Snails are snacking on the basil and slugs  
are chomping on the tomatoes.

We picked off the pests and fed them to  
the chickens.



Gulp!



## GOT YOU!

We catch snails and slugs with old orange halves. They creep under them to hide from the sun.



## BUGS THAT EAT OTHER BUGS

Not all bugs in the garden are pests. These bugs feed on the pesky plant-eaters.

ladybird



lacewing



hoverfly



ground beetle



# The Scarecrow

by ANDY

Today is sunny. 



Some of the cherry tomatoes are ripe. I popped one in my mouth and splat – it burst open! It was warm and sweet – yum!



Birds like to eat tomatoes, too. We had to come up with a plan to scare them away, so we made a scarecrow!



Scarecrows can keep birds away.

# Time to Pick!

by GEORGE

Today is warm.



Hooray – the pizza plants are ready for picking! Tomorrow we'll have a pizza party!

Today we picked:

- tomatoes
- courgettes
- basil leaves
- spring onions.



# The Pizza Party

by CHARLOTTE

Today is bright and sunny. 

Today the school kitchen was a busy place. We made pizza dough and chopped up our vegetables. Soon we could smell the pizzas cooking!





My pizza had cheese, courgette, tomato, basil and spring onion on it. I was about to pick up a slice when ... oops! A hungry caterpillar had crawled onto my pizza!



# Glossary

**compost:** a mixture of rotten plants and rotten food that is used to feed living plants

**fertilizer:** food for plants

**manure:** poo from animals such as cows, horses and chickens

**pollen:** a powder found inside flowers

**scarecrow:** something that looks like a person and is used to scare birds away

**seedlings:** young plants grown from seed

**weeds:** plants that grow where you don't want them to grow

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**pizza patch** garden,  
but watch out for weeds!  
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you can make a  
**tasty** pizza.

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