

Introduction

Sowing the seeds

A resource pack for teachers to support teaching of the life cycle process of plants for Key Stage 2.

This pack was originally created by Garden Organic, the national charity for organic growing and Coventry City Council Primary science team. Garden Organic's contribution was possible thanks to funding and support from JJ Charitable Trust and the Mark Leonard Trust.

In 2004 a weekend for teachers, funded by the Mark Leonard Trust, was held at Ryton Organic Gardens. This brought forward curriculum ideas for science and other areas of the curriculum from the Garden Organics school programme. This programme was initiated by JJ Charitable Trust and is now sponsored by Duchy Originals.

Many ideas were generated and other initiatives will follow in the future. This particular resource stems from this weekend and a need highlighted by the QCA, "Implications for teaching and learning from the analysis of 2004 and 2005 Science national curriculum test results".

Further development work including trialling the contents of this pack has been carried out with Primary Science co-ordinators in Coventry and the education team at Garden Organic. The pack is now ready to go to teachers via the Duchy Originals Garden Organic for Schools website.

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