

SEED BOMBS

Age: all

Topic:

An enterprising idea for using wildflower seeds from your harvest

Key terms:

Sustainability, enterprise, germination, harvest, planting, native, biodiversity

Estimated time:

45-60 minutes

Methods:

experiential learning

What we need:

- *a container to standardise measuring such as plastic cup*
- *1 cup of native wildflower seed purchased or harvested from your own supply*
- *2 cups of top soil or compost*
- *5 cups of pottery clay*
- *1-2 cups of water*
- *a large tub to mix ingredients*
- *empty egg boxes to hold finished seed bombs*

Activity description:

Creating seed bombs is a fun way for pupils to engage with **learning for sustainability** particularly if the seeds used in the bombs are harvested from the school grounds in early autumn.

They make a great enterprising addition to any school fair and the proceeds of their purchase can be used to fund further school grounds initiatives.

To Make Seed Bombs

1. Mix the soil, the clay and 1 part water in a tub until it is a dough-like consistency.
2. Add further water if required.
3. Add the seeds and keep mixing until they are well distributed.



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4. Take a palm-sized lump of the mixture and roll it into a ball.
 5. Place the finished ball into an egg box or similar to dry out for 1-2 days.
 6. They can be stored for later use in a cardboard container.

The completed seed bombs are best sown in early spring or early autumn to coincide with an upcoming heavy rainfall.

To sow, gently toss them into a patch of bare earth in a sunny spot.

Curriculum Links:

- Enterprise
- Biodiversity and Enterprise
- Learning for Sustainability

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