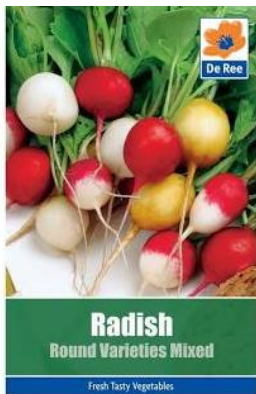


Watch me grow

What learning opportunities can you get from planting seeds and growing plants? How can you develop and extend your child's **vocabulary**?



1. **Reading** and following the **instructions** on the seed packet.
2. Spacing plants and seeds involve **measuring** spacing, **height** and **width** using standard measures such as **centimetres** and **metres**.
3. For younger children filling pots can be used to reinforce mathematical vocabulary such as **full**, **empty**, **half full**. **Estimating** how many handfuls and scoops of soil to fill the pot can be encouraged too.
4. Scientifically talking about **seasons** and **aspect** (ie sunniest/ shadiest position). You can track the overhead movement of the sun.
5. Understanding of passage of time by again talking about the **seasons** but also **months** of the year and possible **days** with regards to signs of **germination**.
6. **Observation** of plant growth can involve **collecting data**, keeping **tally charts**, **comparing**, **counting** number of seedlings as they appear.
7. Record growth digitally or through observational drawing.
8. Naming parts of the plant as they develop such as **bulb**, **root**, **seed**, **stem**, **leaves**, **flower** etc
9. Caring for the plants and talking about what plants need to grow healthily is also important.
10. And of course, harvesting and cooking with your produce!



There are numerous enjoyable stories to read alongside please follow link <https://www.booksfortopics.com/growing-ks1>

Now get planting! – *Family Learning Team*