

Gardening – All Groups

Exploring outdoors and understanding the natural world around us is an important part of our program for all groups.

Our Lorikeet and Rosella children **planted lots of different seedlings** in our vegetable garden and are now learning to care for these plants. The children check the baby plants (with great expectations) on a daily basis to see just how much they have grown. During group discussions the children have decided that we need to care for our plants by watering them (if it hasn't rained), by not pulling them out of the soil, and by feeding them. But we also need to look at them carefully to make sure the plants don't get eaten by little bugs, especially snails. The children have also planted cornflower, sweetpea or pumpkin seeds and are keeping a keen eye on those as they begin to pop out of the soil. It is an exciting time.

Our Starlings children have really loved planting their own **daffodil bulbs**. After a group discussion about the bulb and how to plant it, they all enjoyed getting their hands dirty and are now participating in caring for their own bulb. What a beautiful sight as they all come into bloom! Depicting these in their artwork has also been an important part of this experience.

