



Sacred Heart - Growing Outside!

Tuesday 11th October 2016

Weather: A bit chilly with a few rain showers (but that didn't stop us!)

Growing Outside

Children:
Year 2

BULBS!

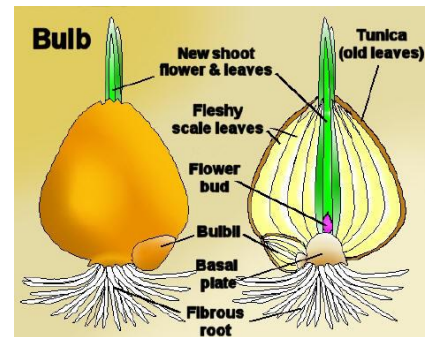
Today with Year 2 we learnt everything about bulbs. It turns out that they are an amazing kind of plant, a bit like a seed but much, much bigger.



They are usually round and hold all their food inside them. They like to be planted in **Autumn**, unlike most plants, because they are happy to be **cold** under the ground in **Winter** before they start to grow quickly in the **Spring** when the soil warms up.

We found out that some bulbs can be eaten! **Onions** and **Garlic** are bulbs, so we smelt some and peeled the layers off an onion, a bit like pass the parcel! But Daffodil bulbs can't be eaten - they would give us tummy ache.

The layers are bits called **Scales**, and they contain all the **food**, and we also noticed the white bit in the middle which will eventually turn into a Flower.



We had some baby onions to plant in the ground - they have started to grow but are not very big, so we planted them so that they will grow into big onions we can eat next Summer.



We also planted a **Daffodil** bulb each - to take home and care for. We all agreed that to be a gardener you had to have **patience**, as many plants take a while to grow. The daffodils won't start growing until after Christmas but need to be kept outside so that they can get cold.



We also had a special, large bulb called an Amaryllis. This bulb makes a beautiful red flower if it's looked after and watered, but I had forgotten I'd bought it and couldn't believe it when I found this green shoot growing out of the box the other day! It hadn't had any water or light, only warmth.

We planted it into compost and gave it a little water - it will now hopefully be looked after properly by year two in their classroom!



We also had a little visit by an amazing, and usually very shy creature today - **Mr Hedgehog!** He had a good snuffle around before going back into the long grass. I wonder if he lives there??

Fantastic listening and planting by year 2 today!

Mandy