



# Sacred Heart - Growing Outside!

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Weather: Lovely and sunny but with a cold wind.

## Growing Outside

Children:  
Year 2

### Seed Bombs!

Today we made seed bombs! But What is a seed bomb?? Well.....



A seed bomb is a mixture of some seeds with compost and clay powder (and a little water). You mix up the messy ingredients and squeeze them into little balls. Then you let them dry. Once they're dry, you can throw them onto the ground where they EXPLODE! and scatter the seeds everywhere!



Each seed then has a bit of clay and compost attached to it so that it can start growing when it next gets wet..... bring on the rain.....

If you throw a seed on the ground without digging a hole and planting it properly, the chances are it would get blown away by the wind or eaten by birds or mice. Even if none of those things happen, it might not grow (germinate) because it has no soil above it.



The children were great at mixing the ingredients for our seed bombs - they found that the clay powder made their hands go brown and sticky. Clay powder is what is used to make pots on a Potter's wheel. When it gets wet it sticks together really well and you can make stuff from it, and then when it dries it goes hard.

Our seed balls will go hard when they dry which is great - then they will SMASH open when we throw them!



The seed mixture we used was a lovely mix of warm coloured flowers - yellows, oranges and reds. There will be Marigolds and sunflowers as well as lots of other pretty flowers.



Although it was a very messy thing to do, the children loved getting their hands into the mixture. Once we had made our balls we put them in egg boxes to dry, and Miss Kinsella took them indoors to make sure they dried out properly. After Easter at the end of April, we'll take them outside and pick a good spot to start growing flowers



- maybe somewhere along the Woodland Walk? Then we'll get set, ready and FIRE!

In other news the Reception children had a lovely time looking for wildflowers - they found lots of Dandelions and Daisies and were really good at counting them all!

**Mandy**

