

Spiral Herb Garden



Herb Spiral

We built this herb spiral for the purpose of using some of its produce in food technology lessons and in our school canteen. Insects may be attracted to our herbs and these insects will pollinate other plants.

We spent an enjoyable afternoon building our herb spiral and had some visitors in to help create our masterpiece. First, we made a dry stone wall, before planting it with lots and lots of herbs! The herbs included chives, rosemary and mint. The spiral is an interesting and useful addition to our garden. **K Waterhouse, C Richardson and E Watson** Year 8 pupils

The Herb Spiral – a Garden Group Workshop

There was great excitement earlier this month when the garden group made the centre piece for its new garden.

A great deal was achieved in a very short time by the 12 girls who attended the workshop, organised by Kay Whitfield of Garden Organic, a partner in our Food For Life Project. Aply supported by Mr Campbell and Mrs Workman, and using newspaper, cardboard and old stones found in the school grounds, we made the spiral within 3 hours!!



Full details on how you can make your very own herb spiral will appear on our website soon. However, briefly, we began by laying down cardboard and newspaper and then drawing on it a circle as a template. We used recycled stone (school grounds and a donation of old bricks) and began the exciting task of making the spiral shape, ensuring that it grew in height as it spiralled upwards. Smaller stones, gathered by the girls, were also used to complete the “wall”. We filled the base with rubble and finally the top soil. We let the soil settle for one week before planting it with a variety of herbs. The shade loving ones were placed towards the base of the spiral. The herbs will be used in food technology lessons and we hope that their aroma will enhance our garden. Look out for more news of developments in the garden. **Mrs C Workman**