

Aspects for judging 2023

Just to remind you, judging will take place on 13 and 14 July. We shall focus on four key aspects that arise from the brief, taking account of the children's and students' ages and abilities and which have influenced the choice of learning activities:

- developing knowledge and understanding
- applying knowledge and understanding
- recording and evaluating
- preparing, cooking and eating

The following chart sets out how we intend to use the logs and our discussions with the children to decide on the prize winners for each of the two categories. **It is important that all four of the key aspects form part of the activities and the log.**

Key aspect	EXAMPLES of key points
Developing knowledge and understanding	• what seeds are; comparing size, colour and how to sow them (such as uncovered on the compost surface or covered with compost) and why
	• how seeds germinate, comparing the similarities and differences between the different seeds, and the best ways to achieve success
	• how each of the varieties of seed grow and develop from seedlings into plants
	• conditions needed for the healthy growth of each type of plant so they are productive and identifying the key things that impair their growth or lead to poor crop production
	• whether the conditions for healthy and productive growth apply to all food plants that have been grown from the seeds
	• how plants produce seeds to sow for the next crop so there is a sustainable supply of food produce

Applying knowledge and understanding	identifying problems when growing plants from seeds and working out ways of solving them
	drawing up hypotheses and testing out ideas to see if they work
	investigating whether/how seeds grown for food can be cultivated in an environmentally-friendly way
	considering possible ways of producing and growing seeds for food in a sustainable way
Recording and evaluating	recording activities, results and outcomes in different ways - progress from sowing seeds through to eating the final food product
	choosing how to record results for greatest clarity and to help develop their own understanding and that of others
	presenting results drawing on a wider but effective range of skills and techniques
Preparing, cooking and eating	choosing seeds and plants that can be eaten to give variety to the diet
	preparing the vegetables appropriately and safely to ensure they are safe to eat
	preparing, cooking and serving the vegetables in meals and snacks
	knowing how vegetables contribute to a healthy diet