

Alumwell Nursery Garden Adventures

Session 4 - Making compost



Today we began by planting some raspberries. They looked just like three sticks with some roots at the end!

We also looked at all the onions and broad beans that are growing already!



Next we made some potting compost ready for all the seeds we hope to grow next year.



We had three ingredients for our potting compost

- Soil
- Grit
- Vermiculite



We began by using our homemade scoopers to scoop some soil. Using the scoopers needed quite a bit of concentration and dexterity.



Next we added a small amount of vermiculite, it was very light and looked like flour or fairy dust.



Then we added
some grit, lots of
very, very small
stones.



We added a bit more soil and then gave it a good mix up. Now we have plenty of potting compost ready for next year.



Our next job was to collect lots of fallen leaves to make some leaf mulch, another type of compost for our vegetable beds next year.



We found lots of different leaves of all shapes and sizes and colours.



Alumwellies came out and helped with these jobs too, they were very good at mixing soil and collecting leaves.

