

# Kid's corner

## Sensory bulb planting

### Sensory Bulb Planting is so much fun!

Our Kids Corner contributor - Jane Byrne, brings you sensory bulb planting.

Last year we planted a bulb lasagna pot and it gave us so much joy seeing the flowers blooming at different times over spring. This time we are going to plant a sensory bulb container/planter. You will need an adult to supervise you with this project.

### What do you need?

- Jars or old vessels - I just love recycling old and disused cups, mugs or even plastic containers - use your imagination! Transparent vessels are best for this activity.

- Sensory Beads / Orbeedz Sensory Beads; or small pebbles or glass drops

(When using sensory beads, small pebbles or glass drops, children must be supervised by an adult.)

- Bulbs, Daffodils, Jonquils, Hyacinths

This is a great activity for observing what would normally be growing above the soil and at the same time, what would normally be happening below the soil. Having a clear container and transparent beads allows us to see our bulb develop its shoots and roots as it grows.

Fill your container 2/3 full of beads. With the point of the bulb pointing to the sky, settle the bulb gently into the beads and fill with more beads around the outside of the bulb. Don't exceed the height of the bulb. Settle the bulb in about two thirds of its height.

If you are substituting the sensory beads with small pebbles or glass drops, you will get just as good a result.

As you watch your bulb start to sprout over the next few months, keep the beads moist with a spray bottle or some water. Try not to waterlog the bulb as too much water will make your bulb rot.

Place your vessels on a window ledge inside or outside, not in direct sun. It is so exciting when you see the first changes starting to happen inside your container! Take some progress photos and send them to us. We would love to show off your successes on our social media.



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