



Harry's plant/tree planting

It is vital to teach your child about the importance of replanting trees. Getting your child excited about tree planting and wanting to look after the environment will develop their interest in nature and the world around us.



What you will need:

- A spade/shovel
- Soil
- Hose/watering can
- A tree

What to do:

1. To start with you need to establish what tree you are going to plant, help your child with this decision by looking online at trees, consider their colours, size, type of tree e.g. fruit tree, and together make a decision. Letting your child help select the tree you are going to plant will create excitement and they will be more eager to take part in the process.
2. Explain to your child what you need to do in order to plant the tree. Ask your child questions, such as what do you think we need to do next. This will encourage your child to take an active role in planting the tree.
3. Depending on the age of your child let them use gardening tools to help you dig a hole deep enough to cover the tree's root ball (this has to be 2 times wider). Your child may want to wear gloves if they do not like getting their hands dirty.
4. Support your child in removing the root ball from the container and carefully place this in the hole you have both just dug.
5. While planting the tree talk about the different parts of the tree such as the roots, trunk, branches and leaves, this will provide a great learning opportunity for your child.
6. Now the tree is in the ground you need to fill the hole with soil and pack it around the tree. Help your child pat down the soil with your hands. If your child doesn't mind dirt they will have fun with this, if your child does not like getting their hands dirty wearing gloves will ensure their hands stay clean. Once this is done, stand and use your feet to further pat the soil down.
7. Using any of the remaining soil around the base of the tree (this will help hold in moisture).
8. Using a hose/watering can and help your child water the tree thoroughly.