THE WORLD OF PETER RABBIT™

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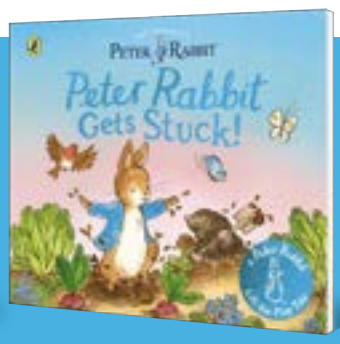
National Children's Gardening Week

The World of Peter Rabbit™ and National Children's Gardening Week (24th May - 1st June 2025) have worked together to bring you nine delightful nature-based activities. You and your little bunnies will learn all about the outdoors with fun and mischievous gardening inspiration.



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Find the words!

Let's learn to grow! To get started, can you find all the words in the wordsearch below?

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WATERING CAN
TROWEL
SEEDS
RADISH
CABBAGE
PETER RABBIT
SOIL
BLOOM
BULBS
DIG
COMPOST
SUNLIGHT
SHADE

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Make your own hanging basket

Ask a grown-up for help with this activity

How to plant your own hanging basket

You will need:

- A hanging basket (with a liner)
- Compost
- Colourful flowers or plants (choose a mixture of plants such as pansies, begonias and trailing petunias)
- Small trowel
- Watering can

Instructions:

1. Head to your local garden centre to pick out your chosen plants. Ask a member of staff if you're not sure!
2. Scoop the compost into your basket until it is three-quarters full.
3. Make little holes in the compost with your fingers. Gently place your plants into the holes, and fill around the edges with compost. Pat the compost around the plants to keep them in place.
4. Give your new hanging basket water using your watering can. Ask an adult to hang it up for you and enjoy watching your plants grow!

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Create your own leaf-print card

Make a leaf-print card with all the different leaves you'll find in nature!

You will need:

• Paints • Paint brushes • Leaves • Card paper

Instructions:

1. Go out with a grown-up and find 4-6 leaves of different shapes and sizes.
2. Now, it's time to paint!
   Ask a grown-up for help setting up some newspapers to create a painting area.
3. Fold the card in half. You'll be leaf printing on the front of the card.
4. Paint one side of the first leaf with any colour you like.
5. Then, press the painted side down onto the card. Hold the leaf on your card for a few seconds.
6. Carefully peel the leaf back to showcase the leaf-print that's appeared on the paper.
7. Repeat the process with other leaves in any pattern you'd like!
   You can print over other leaves, space them out, or even create a pattern!

Now, you've got a card you can give to your friend,
parent, or another loved one!

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Upcycle with Peter Rabbit

Turn an old drink carton into a plant pot!

Ask a grown-up for help with this activity

You will need:

- A used drink carton rinsed with water
- Scissors
- A tool to make drainage holes in the base of your cartons (you could use a skewer or screwdriver)
- Multi-purpose compost
- Microgreen seeds such as cress

Instructions:

1. Lay your carton on one side and cut a large rectangle out of the side facing up.
2. Place your pot on a soft surface (such as on the grass outside or on some blue tac). Make some drainage holes by carefully pushing your screwdriver or skewer through the bottom of your pot six to eight times.
3. Fill your pot with compost and gently pat it down. Water the soil lightly.
4. Plant some microgreen seeds in your pot following the instructions on the seed packet.
5. Place your planter on a tray next to a window.
6. Water your planter regularly. Your microgreens should be ready to eat in about two weeks. Cut using scissors and enjoy in a salad or sandwich!

Remember, when you upcycle old objects instead of throwing them away, you are helping to look after the natural world for Peter Rabbit and his friends to enjoy!

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Grow a Windowsill Herb Garden

Ask a grown-up for help with this activity

A windowsill is the perfect place to grow your own herbs like basil, mint, rosemary or chives

You will need:

- Three or four different herbs – you can find these at your local garden centre. Like Peter Rabbit, give them a little sniff, and choose the herbs that smell the best to you!
- Large plant pot or window box that fits safely on your windowsill and is big enough for the herbs
- Large stones or pebbles – you can collect these from outside
- Compost
- Gardening gloves
- A trowel

Instructions:

1. Find a windowsill in your home that has plenty of light to help the herbs grow.
2. Place the stones or pebbles at the bottom of your plant pot to help the water drain.
3. Fill the pot around three-quarters full of compost and trowl through the compost. This helps lots of air to flow through the soil.
4. Gently take the herbs from their pots and place them in the large pot.
5. Plant the herbs and carefully fill any gaps with compost.
6. Lightly water the herbs and place the plant pot on the windowsill. Remember to water the herbs regularly.
7. You can label each herb by writing on a clean lollipop stick and placing it in the soil next to the herb plant.

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Design a garden!

Draw your garden design in the space below.

Where will your garden be? What will you grow?
What features will your garden have?

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Spot the difference!

Flopsy and Mopsy are having a picnic!
There are 5 differences between these two pictures - can you find out what they are?

Answer: Bees • Easter eggs • Green tea • Dress colour • Carrots and radishes

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Grow your own radishes!

Peter Rabbit loves to eat tasty radishes from Mr. McGregor's garden!
Have you ever tried a radish?

Follow the instructions below to grow some radishes of your own.

You will need:

- Radish seeds
- Plant pot that is at least 20cm deep with drainage holes
- Multi-purpose compost
- A watering can
- A trowel

Tip - Take photos as you are planting your seeds so you can remember what you did!

Instructions:

1. Fill your pot with compost and pat it down.
2. Lightly water the compost.
3. Use your finger to make small holes in the compost.
   The holes should be about 1cm deep and about 5cm apart.
4. Put one radish seed into each hole and cover it over with compost.
5. Place your pot somewhere it will get some direct sunshine every day.
6. Water your seeds regularly.
7. When your seedlings are growing, if they seem too crowded, you can pick a few to give the others space. (This is called 'thinning out'.) You can eat the leaves of any seedlings you pick!
8. Your radishes should be ready to pick and eat in 4-8 weeks
   (check the back of your seed packet as varieties differ).

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Nature spotting with The World of Peter Rabbit

You don't need to live in a rabbit burrow like Peter Rabbit to be able to enjoy nature. You can find plants and wildlife in your local park, in a garden, on a walk in a city or town, or even on your way to school!

Hop outside with a grown-up and see if you can spot any of these things . . .

A Robin

A Ladybird

A Snail

A Leaf

A Butterfly

Something else?

Draw a picture here and write down what it was.

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