

FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT HOME

You will need:

- Seeds
- Envelopes to put the seeds in
- A small box to put the envelopes in
- Art equipment for decorating



What do you do with all the extra seeds left over in seed packets? In our house they usually sit around in a cupboard for months until we forget all about them but this year we are doing something different – giving them away to our neighbours!

The activity is very simple, just count up your left over seeds, share them out into envelopes, and then put the envelopes in a box outside your house with a little sign telling people to help themselves. Let children organise things as much as possible. Different jobs include counting up the seeds and envelopes, decorating everything and writing signs. If you've got more than one child they can have different jobs!



To avoid soggy seeds check the weather forecast and only put your seeds out to share when it's going to be a dry day.





When we tried this activity at home and I told my children that we were going to be giving away seeds, my eldest replied 'Wow Mummy you REALLY know nothing about business!' which made me laugh. However it wasn't long before everyone was on board with the idea and we had a little production line up and running.

When we finally had everything ready to go we proudly the box outside our house and waited. I was a bit worried that after all our hard work nobody would actually take any but at the end of the first day we eagerly counted up the envelopes and 3 had gone! A very exciting moment! It's now day 4 of having our box outside and there are hardly any left but the children are still excitedly checking on the box several times a day and imagining where all our seeds might all be going.

If you try out this activity we'd love to know what you think. You can share your pictures with us on Facebook and Twitter @CUBGlearning #CUBGfamily

If you would like to try this but don't have a packet of seeds you could collect seeds from a fruit! Pepper, pumpkin, pomegranate and melon seeds all grow easily.

