

Introduction



This Dig for Victory teachers' pack has been designed to give you all the information you need to create your own Dig for Victory themed garden and to demonstrate a few of the many practical ways you can use your 'outdoor classroom' to deliver the curriculum with a focus on healthy living and sustainability. Even if you have no space you can just as easily run the activities in this pack with a small container garden, or even grow vegetables in window boxes: the main thing is to get growing!

Dig for Victory was a response to a wartime problem of food shortages but many of its outcomes reflect things we are concerned about today – having access to fresh healthy food, being active and living sustainably. Creating a Dig for Victory garden at your school is a great way to explore these themes with your pupils, as well as investigate the food and lifestyle of the Second World War.

The pack is part of a Dig for Victory project run by the Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms with The Royal Parks. We have created a Second World War and a modern-day allotment side by side in St James's Park, London for the summer of 2007 which schools and the general public can visit for inspiration.

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Further information

There are many useful websites and further resources available online. We particularly recommend the following sources of information:

www.teachernet.gov.uk/growingschools First stop for advice, support and resources

www.rhs.org.uk/learning/education/children.asp Royal Horticultural Society site including advisory leaflets, posters and teaching resources

www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/htbg 'How to be a gardener' series

www.direct.gov.uk For information on renting an allotment

On our own websites you will find lots of additional information and activities:

www.iwm.org.uk/cabinetlearning and **www.royalparks.org.uk**