

# Stan & Gran Solve the Garden Centre Mystery!

**Nature Detective Activity!**



**Easy activities to do with kids at home or while exploring the garden centre**

**No equipment needed!**

**STAN & GRAN**



National  
**Children's  
Gardening  
Week**



# Clue 1: Pots



**What is the smallest pot you can find?**

**What is the largest?**

**What might you plant in it?**



## DID YOU KNOW?

Plants need the right-sized pot to grow properly. If a pot is too small, roots get squished and can't drink enough water; if it's too big, water can get wasted. **Garden centres are where you can match plants with the perfect pot so nothing goes to waste.**



## WHAT CHILDREN LEARN

- Roots need space
- Pot size affects water use
- Choosing wisely saves water

# Clue 2: Watering

## DID YOU KNOW?

Plants don't all like water the same way, some like slow sips, not big splashes. Watering cans and special tools help water go straight to the roots. **Garden centres help gardeners learn how to water plants carefully so every drop counts.**

**How many different ways are there to water your plants?**

**Can you find anything that helps gardens save water?**

## WHAT CHILDREN LEARN

- Water should be controlled, not wasted
- Tools affect how water is used
- Smart watering = healthy plants



## DID YOU KNOW?

Rainwater is free water from the sky, and plants love it. When gardeners collect rainwater, they don't need to use as much tap water. **Garden centres teach gardeners how to save rain for dry days.**

Grandad has a water butt in his garden to collect rainwater!



# Clue 3: Herbs



**Find three herbs  
and describe how  
they smell.**

**How might you  
use them in food?**



## DID YOU KNOW?

Herbs are plants we can eat, and many don't need much water to grow. Picking herbs when you need them means less food and water is wasted. **Garden centres help families grow herbs at home so nothing goes to waste.**

## WHAT CHILDREN LEARN

- Some plants need less water
- Food doesn't have to travel far
- Growing food reduces waste

# Clue 4: Seeds



**Choose your favourite vegetable.**

**When is it sown?**

**When is it ready to harvest?**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Vegetables can start as tiny seeds or bulbs and need watering little and often to grow properly. Watering at the right time helps seeds grow strong roots. **Garden centres help gardeners learn when and how much to water plants as they grow.**

## WHAT CHILDREN LEARN

- Plants take time
- Watering changes as plants grow
- Timing matters



# Clue 5: Indoor Plants



**Which plant  
has the biggest  
leaves?**

**Where might you  
put it at home?**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Plants with big leaves often drink more water and like certain places in your home. Putting plants in the right spot helps them stay healthy without extra watering. **Garden centres help you learn where plants will be happiest indoors.**

## WHAT CHILDREN LEARN

- Leaves affect water needs
- Position matters
- Understanding labels helps save water



# Clue 6: Tools

**Find the tools and what they do.**

**Which would you use in your garden?**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The right tool helps gardeners care for plants without wasting water. Some tools help dig, some help plant, and some help water carefully. **Garden centres are where gardeners learn which tools help nature the most.**

## WHAT CHILDREN LEARN

- Tools have jobs
- Good tools = better care
- Knowledge helps nature

