



Telling stories

- Children learn in the simplest of ways. They love to hear stories about you, their parents, (grandparents and extended family too) when you were their age. What did you enjoy doing? What was school like when you were a child? Where did you live? What was your favourite food and pastime? (...)

What you need:

- All you need are your memories!

What to do:

- As you are involved in an activity, e.g., taking vegetables out of a shopping bag, you might tell your children that when you were their age, you remember helping to plant and grow vegetables in your family's garden/ allotment/ farm.
- Describe to the children what this involved, e.g., using garden implements, digging the soil, planting seeds, watering, weeding, etc.
- Encourage them to ask questions about this. Discuss the similarities and differences between your life and theirs at the same age.



Source: Pixabay

Some more ideas:

- Encourage children to draw pictures of the plants they like and tell you about them in the languages they know.
- Where children can write, ask them to make a list of the plants they know and then find out what they are called in another language of their choice.
- Grow your own plants! Growing plants from seed or cuttings helps your children to understand and appreciate how food is grown. Parsley and basil; baby salad leaves; peas and beans are all possible to grow indoors.

Optional link:

- RTÉ (Ireland's National Television and Radio Broadcaster) Home School Hub in English and Irish. Plants

<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/3rd-and-4th-class-rt%C3%A9-home-school-hub/SI000006859?epguid=PL000003272>