Olivia's Strawberry surprise

Decorate a flowerpot and grow your own strawberries! You'll need these things:

compost

large flowerpot

watering can

small paintbrush

poster paints (green, red and black)



WARNING! Ask an adult to help

young strawberry plant from garden centre

a few stones

gardening gloves

trowel

Using black paint, draw a strawberry by painting a heart shape on your flowerpot. Paint it red and then let it dry. Then add a face and some arms and legs. Paint a green stalk on top.

Strawberries are the only fruits to have their seeds on the outside!

Put on your gloves. Put a few stones in the bottom of your pot to help the water drain out properly. Put some compost in the pot like this.



Carefully take your strawberry plant out of its little pot and put it into your big flowerpot. Add more compost to fill the pot.

Put your plant outside in the sun and water it every day. When the strawberries start to grow, they will be green, but soon...



...they will look like this! Pick the strawberries as soon as they turn completely red - this means they are ripe and ready to eat!



Pretend you are at Wimbledon - play tennis then wash and eat some strawberries!





If you plant a strawberry plant in the garden, it will grow long stems that run along the ground and bed themselves in the soil to make lots of new plants!



