

Here are 3 challenges set by the Royal Horticultural Society as part of the 2.6 challenge. The RHS is a charity that encourages us to learn the benefits of gardening – particularly in these challenging times.



Sow friendships

Propagate plants to give to your friends, family and neighbours.

- 1 Take cuttings from existing plants and give them to friends and neighbours. This works well with indoor plants like succulents and common garden plants like geraniums and fuschias. You can also grow new plants from seed, and label them using cut up milk bottles.
- 2 Give to your family or housemates, or leave on your neighbours doorstep with care cards as a lovely surprise (remember to keep to social distancing). Can you grow 26 new plants to keep or give away?

Chilli challenge

How many chillies can you grow?

- 1 Remove the seeds from a chilli and dry them (or you can use shop bought chilli seeds). Fill a pot with compost, sow a few seeds on top and cover with a fine sprinkling of compost.
- 2 Cover with clear plastic, (lots of supermarket packaging works well for this) and leave in a sunny window or airing cupboard until germination. See how many chillies you can grow!

Spot a rainbow

Explore your garden, or look out for plants and flowers on your walk.

Can you spot a flower or plant for every colour of the rainbow? You can even try to find out their names.