

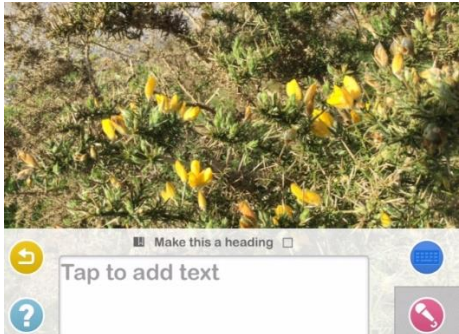


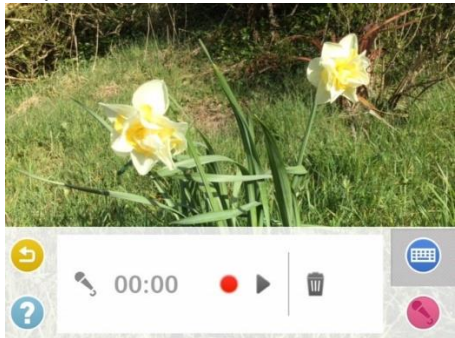


## Using the “Our Story” app to Support Home Learning with Gardening

Pictures and video clips are wonderful and engaging ways to help your child to learn and use new vocabulary.

During the Gardening activities use the Camera on the tablet to take photos of the items used, the people engaged in the activity, close-ups of plants, seeds, pots, flower beds, utensils etc

Then Go to Our Story App as this will help to make a story that you will be able to read with your child.

<p>Step 1</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open the app and select Create New Story</li> </ul> <p>Now all the photos you have taken appear on screen.</p>
<p>Step 2</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose a photograph or encourage your child to choose a picture – something he/she likes or was engaged in for a period.</li> </ul> <p>Drag it into the strip at the bottom of the screen</p>
<p>Step 3</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tap the picture you have dragged into the strip and it opens on to a full screen picture where you can add text.</li> <li>• Use words or phrases you want your child to remember/learn.</li> <li>• Make full sentences, use single words or short phrases to say what is in the picture.</li> </ul>

<p>Step 4</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add a voice! Click on the red microphone to repeat the words in the text or to add additional information about the picture.</li> <li>• Click on the red button to start recording. Remember to practise the words or sentences a few times before recording. Delete (Bin it!) if you are not happy.</li> </ul>
<p>Step 5</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Then Click on the back button  to return step 2 above and repeat the process with another picture.</li> </ul>

Children can be encouraged to write the sentences/words, as well as adding to them.

Use the pictures to stimulate conversation about the Garden, family, insects, food, vegetables.

Give the story a title and save it when requested.

You can return to the “story” to practise words and phrases/to retell an account of the activity/to develop further thoughts on the theme.

Here are a few pictures to get you thinking

