

- ♦ **What do plants need to keep them alive?**

Food (Nutrients), Water, Roots, Compost, Heat, Light, Sun and Air to Breath.

- ♦ **What kind of things would kill a Fuchsia plant?**

Over or under feeding
Over or under watering
Pests and Disease
To much sun when gown under glass
Frost
Wind damage

- ♦ **What is the biggest Killer of Fuchsia Plants?**

Over-watering, **Drowning**, learn to feel the weight of the pots so that you know when they do need a drink.
Have a selection of plants, some heavy some light, let the children feel the difference.
Demonstrate how to water an established plant using a saucer, if water has not been absorbed after two minutes feel the weight again, if still light give a little more but never leave standing in water.
Never water young plants from the top.

- ♦ **What shape do you think a Fuchsia should be?**

Round like a ball grown in a pot (Bush or Shrub)
Like a big shrub grown in the garden (Shrub could be a Hardy Fuchsia)
Fan shaped trained along canes or wires (Fan or Espalier)
Like a tree long and tall (Standard)
Hanging and draping over the edges of a pot (Hanging Basket or Pot)
Round like a big ring (loop)
Dwarf miniature (Bonsai)
Left to grow as it wants (Natural open Growth)
Shaped like a Christmas Tree (Pillar Formation)

Plant Propagation for School Children

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The Fuchsia

- ♦ **Introduction: Aims, Objectives and Incentive**

Allow the children to use your Christian name in the classroom
Let the children know why you are here in their school
Explain the different things they are going to do with you
What the end result can be for you and your school
Could raise money for school funds, win Trophy, Rosette, Prize Money
Gain a Certificate of Achievement for growing and showing

- ♦ **What is a Fuchsia? Give the children time to answer first**

A flowering indoor or outdoor plant, which can be grown in many shapes and forms. Which can be shown or simply used to brighten up and give colour to your garden.
Have a selection of Fuchsia Florets, Singles, Semi Doubles and Doubles
Allow children to feel, look, smell and count the number of petals etc.

- ♦ **How can we multiply or grow more Fuchsia's?**

Select different children to answer via raised hands.
Don't forget a little bit of praise now and again, does wonders.
We are looking for Seeds, Cuttings, explain the advantage of Cuttings over Seed.
Keep any cuttings out of sight at this stage.

- ♦ **What do we need to grow cuttings in?**

There is a lot of meat on this bone, keep drawing more from them.
Soil, Pots, Propagator, Compost, Seed Tray, Heat, Light, Food, Water and air.
We are looking for Compost.