



## Grow your own Oak Tree

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**Dear Little Oaks,**

I invite you to consider growing your very own oak tree. The oak is by far the most intelligent of trees, playing a crucial role in our environment. A mature oak can absorb up to 100 gallons of water per day, helping manage rainfall and prevent flooding. It improves air quality by removing pollutants and can sequester up to 48 pounds of carbon dioxide annually.

Additionally, the oak is highly predictive of weather. Its acorn production is influenced by seasonal changes, and its leaves give the real clues for winter forecasting. If we are due snow, you will notice the production of galls too— more on that later.

Planting an oak tree isn't just planting a tree – it's growing a future full of wisdom and helps make our environment greener too! For sure it will give knowledge, interest and expectation to many.

I have included instructions below.

Best wishes

**Timber**

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### **1. Acorns.**

Go out and find an undamaged clean green acorn (or more). Bring them home. Now find some large clean yoghurt or cream pots or some 5 inch plant pots.

#### **2. Drainage.**

Make some drainage holes in the bottom of the yoghurt/ cream pots. Fill the pots with soil or compost to within an inch at the top and pat down the soil/ compost.

#### **3. Planting.**

Now make a finger sized hole about an inch deep, in the middle of the soil, and place the green acorn, pointy side up into the pot, and cover with soil/ compost, pat down the soil.

#### **4. Water**

Gently water the soil/ compost, let the water drain off and place the pots on the window ledge or other safe place in the light and leave alone, just let nature do its job.

Eventually, maybe a few weeks later a green shoot will appear, and the start of a new little oak will commence its life. Look after this small shoot, gently watering when necessary, and let it grow in the pot. When it is about 3 inches/ 8 cm high then it is time to move it to a bigger pot – at which stage I will tell you how to do this.

In the meantime, think of where this small sapling will grow best in the garden. It must be at least 30 feet from the house, and it will grow quite fast too. This small acorn will grow for another 100 years at least and become a massive English Oak Tree.