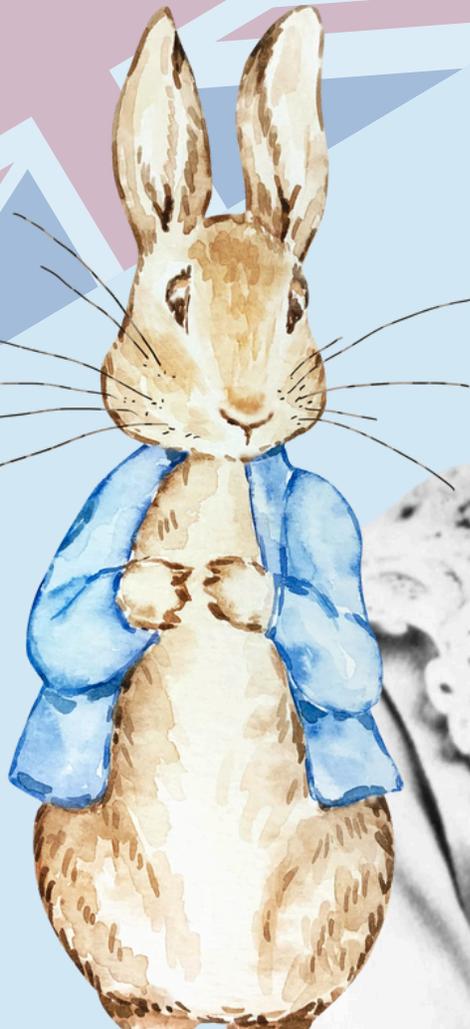


# BEATRIX POETTER



# Tea With A Poet & Lit

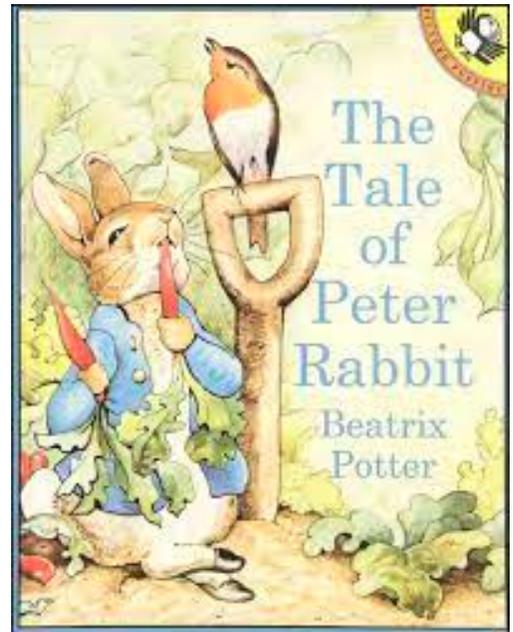
IN THIS UNIT YOU WILL BE EXPLORING BEATRIX POTTER, POETRY, CARROTS, GARDEN DESIGN, DRAWING, ART, AND THE MUSIC OF ANTONIO VIVALDI.

1. TAKE A QUICK READ THROUGH THE FEW PAGES.
2. PRINT OUT THE LAST PAGE AND CUT OUT THE 6 FULL COLOR CARDS.
3. COLLECT ANY BOOKS YOU MAY HAVE THAT ARE REMOTELY RELATED TO THE TOPICS AND PUT THEM IN A BASKET OR SPECIAL SPOT.  
NATURE, GARDENING, CARROTS, VEGETABLES, RABBITS, SMALL ANIMALS, DRAWING, BEATRIX POTTER, VIOLINS, CLASSICAL MUSIC.
4. LET YOUR CHILDREN LOOK AT THE PICTURES AND CHOOSE SOMETHING THAT LOOKS INTERESTING TO THEM.
5. EXPLORE THE TOPIC WITH YOUR CHILDREN FIRST THROUGH BOOKS. THEN GO TO OTHER RESOURCES AND DO THE ACTIVITIES

IT IS TRULY THAT SIMPLE! HAVE FUN, ADD ANYTHING THAT POPS INTO YOUR MIND, DIG INTO THE QUESTIONS YOUR CHILDREN HAVE, OR ANY THAT MAY POP INTO YOUR HEAD. FEED ON THE CURIOSITY.

## Read Aloud

*Peter Rabbit*  
by Beatrix Potter



## Other Books

*The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss

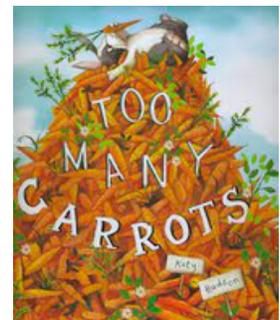
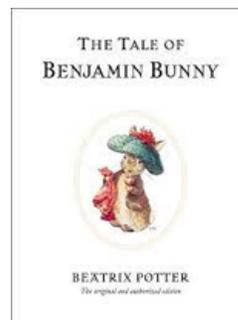
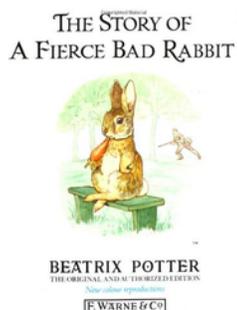
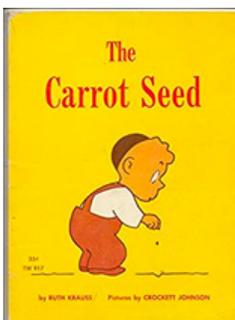
*The Tale of Benjamin Bunny* by Beatrix Potter

*The Story of A Fierce Bad Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter

*Too Many Carrots* by Katy Hudson

Audio book

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POV5PQ2-h2o>



# A Year of Poetry Tea Time

# WE HAVE A LITTLE GARDEN

BY BEATRIX POTTER

WE have a little garden,  
A garden of our own,  
And every day we water there  
The seeds that we have sown.

WE love our little garden,  
And tend it with such care,  
You will not find a faced leaf  
Or blighted blossom there.

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## **Beatrix Potter** **1866-1943**

Beatrix Potter was born in England and loved drawing animals, especially rabbits. She wrote and illustrated *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* and many other short children's books. Besides being an author, she also helped protect nature by buying farmland to save it from being destroyed.



Print this fact card out onto card stock, fold, and glue for your own fact card



Poet Detective: Use these cards to explore events and places and discover how they connect to this month's poet.

# **DIG DEEPER**

- She had a pet bat! Beatrix Potter loved animals and had many unusual pets, including a bat named Dorkie.
- She wrote secret messages in code. As a child, she created her own secret code to write in her diary so no one else could read it!
- Her first book was rejected many times. Publishers didn't think *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* would sell, so she printed it herself before it became a huge success.
- She was a scientist, too! She studied fungi (mushrooms) and made detailed drawings of them, which are still admired by scientists today.
- She loved dressing up her pets. Beatrix used to put tiny outfits on her rabbits and guinea pigs and draw them in funny poses.
- She nearly became a farmer. Later in life, she bought farms in England and took care of sheep, even winning prizes for them!
- She was one of the first people to make character merchandise. Beatrix designed Peter Rabbit dolls, board games, and even wallpaper long before modern franchises did.



# Old Mrs. Rabbit's Carrot Salad

*This is one of Peter's favorite foods and I hope you enjoy it as much as he has.  
Remember to mind your manners and to obey your mother.*

## Ingredients

- 1/4 cup mayo or sour cream
- 1 Tablespoon water
- 1 Tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups shredded carrot
- 1 cup yellow raisins

**Note:** any kind of raisins will do but Old Mrs. Rabbit prefers the happy sweet yellow raisins.



## Instructions

1. In a large bowl mix together the first five(5) ingredients. They are mayo, water, honey, lemon juice (make sure to take out the seeds), and the salt.
2. Add in your yummy shredded carrots and toss them in the sauce until its all covered. Cover and put in your refrigerator for 30 minutes or until the meal.

*Little Rabbit Trails*

For the best results, print out on cardstock and cut out along the lines



## Music

### Vivaldi's Spring

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFHPRI0ZeXE>

Listen to the string instruments. There is a solo viola playing with more people . The other instruments are violin, viola, cello, double bass and harpsichord. Pretend you are a bird and move to the music. Are you building a nest, fighting another bird, flying through a storm?

### Facts about Antonio Vivaldi

- alive from 1678-1741
- composed during the Baroque Era
- He played the violin
- he was from Venice Italy
- He was called the red priest because he had red hair and he was a priest.



# Nature Study

Beatrix Potter is loved for her books with beautiful illustrations. Did you know that her books were one of the first children's books with full color illustrations? She understood the importance of beautiful pictures.



Helen Beatrix Potter was educated by her governess at home. When she was little she loved spending time outdoors and drawing the plants and animals she saw near her home in Kensington, London.

## Become a Nature Author

*Make your own nature story like Beatrix Potter*



1. Make a mini book. Fold two sheets of paper in half one direction and then in half the other direction. unfold both papers and cut them in half across the shorter distance. layer on top of each other and staple.
2. Go outside and watch the birds, flowers, trees or any other animals you may have around.
2. Choose who your characters will be and give them names.
3. Write a little story inside your book and use nature as your model for the characters.

**Tips:** Flowers could talk, birds can fight, dogs and cats could have a tea party. Use nature as your model for your drawings.

Remember to make a cover and don't forget to include your name, you're the author.

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# Craft Time

## Little Hands Carrot Craft

This craft can be adjusted by using substitutes. construction paper in the place of the plate, colored paper in place of the orange construction paper and strips of green paper can be used in place of the tissue paper. For children still learning to count you could put numbers on each finger.



### Supplies

paper plate, orange construction paper, Green tissue paper, glue, brown paint, orange crayon or marker

### Directions

1. Cut the paper plate in half and paint it brown like dirt
2. Trace the child's hand onto the orange construction paper
3. Cut the hand out and draw little curved smile lines on the fingers.
4. Tear off a piece of green tissue paper about 2"X2". Crinkle it up or make it look how you would want the top of a carrot to look.
5. Glue the tissue paper to the tip of the fingers.
6. Glue the palm of the hand to the back of the plate so the fingers look like carrots growing out of the ground.

### Field Trip Idea

Do a field trip to go buy carrot seeds. Plant the carrot seeds in your yard or in a pot.

## Science Fun

Discover how carrots are grown  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pf74rrn1uLk>

Why are carrots orange

6:12 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08cKczLnDkc>



# DESIGN A GARDEN

Beatrix Potter loved to spend time outdoors and in the garden. This is where she found lots of her drawing inspiration.

Look at the piece of art, Garden, by Beatrix Potter on the next page.

What elements make the garden pleasing?

What parts of it do you like and dislike?

What would you add to it?

## Garden Elements Ideas

paths  
bushes  
trees  
stairs  
flowers  
pots  
walls  
lights

fountain  
vegetables  
greenhouse  
drinking fountain  
chairs  
table  
swing

bird houe  
bird bath  
bird feeder  
squirl feeder  
play house  
fencing  
decorative wocks

Now you get to design your own garden. Will it be a garden for looking pretty, growing vegetables, for reading, or for taking a short walk? Maybe all of them. With a piece of paper or the My Garden printable design your ideal garden.

Fun Fact: Did you know that Beatrix potter was also very interesteed in science nad mushtooms?

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Garden By Ellen Beatrix Potter

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# MY GARDEN

WE love our little garden, And tend it with such care

*WE* love our little garden, And tend it with such care

Handwriting practice lines consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. There are ten sets of these lines for writing practice.



**LEARN TO  
DRAW A REAL  
RABBIT**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2Vg1DKTIng>

You can color the picture,  
do the copy work and/or write about  
your favorite part of the book.

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"We learn to do something  
by doing it. There is no  
other way."

-John Holt



Let your children choose the card purely based on their curiosity without telling them what the activity is. This encourages them to search out their own curiosity and will help them learn new things.

