

Primary Years growing and activity calendar

Autumn term - 1

Session	Growing fruit and Veg	Growing other plants	Other activities
1	Grow saucer veg (beetroot, carrot, parsnip, radish or turnip).	Make a fairy/ miniature garden in a recycled food tray with hedge cuttings	Make fairy houses in wooded areas
2	Grow saucer fruit - pineapple	Pot marigold (Calendula officinalis) sow seeds directly outside.	Make a simple bug hotel
3	Eat apples and grow an apple pip	Quaking grass (Briza maxima) sow seeds directly outside.	Make an origami seed packet
4	Plant onion sets in pots Onion crop sheet	Honesty (Lunaria annua) sow seeds directly outside.	Make a rainbow Make a leaf crown
5	Grow garlic in pots Garlic crop sheet	Squirrel tail grass (Hordeum jubatum) sow seeds directly outside.	Make and taste herb bread or herb butters

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Autumn term - 2

Session	Growing fruit and Veg	Growing other plants	Other activities
1	Broad beans in pots	Grow 'a bit' of butterfly bush Buddleia cuttings	Who lives in a place like this Make a mini wormery
2	Salad leaves	Plant acorns , conkers and helicopter seeds.	Make a seed spinner
3	Mr and Mrs Cresshead	Investigate what's in bird seed	Art from the garden
4	Have a designated digging area	Plant crocus bulbs	Make a basket (to plant spring bulbs)
5	Grow oranges and lemons	Use evergreen leaves and seeds to make an ice mobile	Make a willow Christmas star and decorate it with collected natural materials.

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Spring - 1

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1.	Salad leaves	Grow Phacelia in pots	Grow willow sticks Make a willow weaving web
2.	Make a handy gardener and look at how fast seeds grow!	Sow snap dragons in pots	Sensory scavenger hunt Make a bird cake
3.	Make a mini allotment	Sow bunny tail grass in pots	Spring flower spotter
4.	Chit potatoes use the potato crop sheet	Sow 'snipping garden' lobelias in pots indoors.	Potato bag monster activity
5.	Sow peas in pots Sow a pea head person	Sow cosmos in pots Growing cosmos	Make signs and labels

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Spring - 2

Session	Growing fruit and Veg	Growing other plants	Other activities
1	Plant strawberry plants in the garden	Sow Pansies or cornflowers in pots	Make a mini beast hotel
2	Sow radishes	Make a seed storage box	Make a wind chime
3	Sow carrots	Sow Nasturtiums in pots outside or sow straight into the ground.	Make a gardening apron
4	Sow chard 'bright lights'	Sow sunflowers in paper pots	Make paper pots
5	Plant potatoes in bags/containers	Sow love in the mist in pots (<i>Nigella</i>)	Build a growing hideaway from willow (and use it to support peas and beans!)

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Summer - 1

Session	Growing fruit and Veg	Growing other plants	Other activities
1	Sow peas outdoors	Soft wood cuttings – Grow different types of mint (chocolate mint smells like <i>After Eight</i> mints!)	Make a perfume pots Herb Bath bombs
2	Sow pumpkin	Plant out bedding plants into containers Pansy and snap dragons	Set pansy flowers in a jelly! Decorate pots
3	Sow courgettes	Make a ladybird seed bomb	Be a Garden Explorer
4	Sow French beans	Plant out lobelias into a decorated pot to make a 'snipping garden'	Go on a pollinator bug hunt with the Pollinator spotter guide
5	Separate supermarket chives and grow lots more for free.	Make a nectar bar container and plant it up with flowers that bees love	Make 'bee' cane eye guards

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Summer - 2

Session	Growing fruit and Veg	Growing other plants	Other activities
1	Sow radish outdoors	Separating hens and chicks (<i>Sempervivum</i>) Plant up an old colander	Paint pebbles
2	Sow peas and eat as pea shoots	Grow cuttings of butterfly bush – Buddleia	Make a watering device
3	Grow salad leaves	Collect petals and Make a summer petal and leaf crown or bracelet	Make a flower posy from your snipping garden
4	Store cupboard scientist	Put a smile on your sunflowers!	Summer flower spotter guide
5	Fruit for free - Get more plants from your strawberry plants.	Tips on saving your own seeds (to put in your seed storage box made earlier in the year!)	Draw a sound map