

Detailed School Gardening Weekly Planner

3 terms - week by week guide

Use this guide to plan your gardening club activities. The resources you need are listed next to each session. Those activities that can be carried out inside are shaded. Each term has a list of additional activities at the end.

AUTUMN TERM	SESSION IDEAS	RESOURCES NEEDED
ALL (September)	Tool Safety important at start of club for new members and reminder every ones	Safety with Tools, variety of tools, tool stop sign Autumn Term Planner
Week 1	Garden tidy and harvest, collecting seeds	Rakes, buckets, forks, Going on a seed safari seed packet template, newspaper, paper bags, string,
Week 2	Sow autumn vegetables radish / spring onion/autumn onion sets green manures / in empty prepared beds Salad in pots to take home Harvest & Weeding	Outdoor sowings Forks, hand forks, soil conditioner, dibbers, planting ruler Crop sheet for Radish, Onions, lettuce, green manures, labels, watering cans. Pots/compost/labels
Week 3	Sow hardy annuals in pots Pot up strawberry runner Plant new strawberry bed	Strawberry resource sheet, strawberry runners Hardy annual seeds, pots, labels, scissors, watering cans, trowels, dibber, ruler, membrane
Week 4	Xmas bulbs in pots or school grounds	Bulb planting resource Bulbs, compost, pots, dibbers, trowels, labels
Week 5	Insect homes – small	Ladybird home or large



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(October)	lady bird home or large insect hotel	insect hotel See CfSG Level 4 and Gardening club ideas
Week 6	Final Harvest and clearing beds – adding organic matter, cover with weed membrane or green manure Sow autumn peas in beds	Green manures peas, fleece, weed suppressant membrane pegs, tubing for cloche, soil conditioner
HALF TERM	Work party to finish bed preparation/tidy up	parents or contact local gardening club/businesses
Week 7 (November)	Sow broad beans outside Or in pots to take home	Crop sheet broad beans Dibbers, ruler, labels
Week 8	Sweet peas in pots	Resource sheet on sweet peas Pots, compost, labels
Week 9	Leaf ID and collection making a leaf mould bin	Autumn Leaves and Leaf Composting Woodland Trust Leaf and Seed ID Leaf hands and rakes, gloves, netting, posts to make leaf mould bin
Week 10	Planting garlic	Crop sheet Garlic Garlic bulbs, dibbers, ruler, labels
Week 11	Willow Stars Hard wood cuttings	Willow star resource sheet Cuttings resource sheet Willow wands, secateurs, pots, labels
Week 12	Check on Bulbs decorate Xmas bulb pots to take home	Paints to paint pots or paper covers to colour in
Additional activities including wet weather activities shaded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing pots / greenhouse to reduce disease and pests • Plant autumn raspberries • Earthworms ,make a wormery • Lavender bags as Christmas gifts • Herbs – rosemary cuttings • Drying / freezing herbs from the 	Washing up bowls, warm soapy water, brushes, pots Crop sheet Raspberries Earthworms, sans, compost, soil, plastic bottles, newspaper, elastic band Lavender flowers, rice, pretty material, string or thread Secateurs, rosemary plant, pots, clear plastic bags cuttings resource sheet Freezer trays, string,



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	<p>garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making bird feeders and bird cake • Cleaning labels, making new wooden labels • Christmas wreaths 	<p>variety of herbs</p> <p>See CfSG gardening club ideas</p> <p>Off cuts of wood or white plastic, permanent pens, varnish</p> <p>Greenery, oasis ring or willow ring</p>
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SPRING TERM	SESSION IDEAS	RESOURCES NEEDED
ALL January	<p>Visit garden to check on progress</p> <p>Discuss what we will be doing in spring term</p> <p>Tool safety refresher to old members and training for new members</p>	<p>Garden journals to note down ideas, tool safety resource, variety of tools, tool stop sign,</p>
Week 1	<p>Planning what shall we grow?</p> <p>Draw up plan – cut and paste old seed catalogues</p> <p>Make a diary/journal</p>	<p>RHS what to sow and grow</p> <p>RHS Crop sheets</p> <p>Seed packets</p> <p>Seed Catalogues</p> <p>exercise books</p>
Week 2	<p>Make a light box for window sill growing</p> <p>Sow hardy veg/sweet peas seeds in pots if time allows or next time</p>	<p>Garden Organic's Light box activity sheet</p> <p>Cardboard boxes, glue, old plastic bags, aluminium foil pots, compost, labels</p> <p>Microgreen/salad/leeks crop sheet and seeds</p> <p>Sweet peas resource sheet</p>
Week 3	<p>How potatoes grow and chitting seed potatoes</p> <p>Hand out potatoes for children to chit at home. Cut up egg boxes to transport home. Sow salad seeds/micro greens/leeks for light box</p> <p>Sweet peas in pots</p>	<p>Crop sheet Potatoes / Potatoes in Containers</p> <p>Seed potatoes, egg boxes</p> <p>Potatoes varieties & colouring pictures</p> <p>Definition: Chitting Seeds of Microgreen/salad/leeks crop sheets</p> <p>Sweet peas seeds and resource sheet</p>
Week 4	<p>Plant/pruning/mulch fruit trees and soft fruits, mulching of fruit if weather good</p>	<p>Crop sheet Raspberries</p> <p>Fruit trees/raspberries to plant/stakes/tree ties/tree guard, short handled loppers, secateurs, Soil conditioner, buckets</p>



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Week 5	Sow peas , broad beans, other spring veg in guttering, bottles/ pots to plant out after half term	Peas/ broad beans, vegetable seeds 2 litre plastic bottles, guttering, compost, labels
Week 6	Prepare beds for spring sowing Cover soil with plastic cloches to warm ready for sowing after half term Pinch out sweet peas	forks, hand forks, buckets, soil conditioner, builders plastic/ plastic tunnels or cloches/make your own with plumbing pipe/old hoola hoops and plastic/fleece RHS Warming soil resource sheet
HALF TERM (February)	organise work party to make beds ready for planting, tree planning or other large jobs	Parents, local garden clubs, corporate volunteers of community service/probation
Week 7	Make scarecrows continue with bed preparation and indoor seed sowing Make sweet pea wigwam	Scarecrow resource sheet and materials Seeds /ruler/dibbers Canes/willow/string/weaving materials
Week 8 (March)	Plant out into beds peas, early veg from guttering/ bottles/pots. Plant out sweet peas Sow lettuce/ Herbs in pots	Rulers, trowels, gloves, labels, Crop sheet Lettuce Easy Herbs for schools resource sheet
Week 9	Sow hardy annuals in pots or direct in soil. Sunflowers in pots to take home. Plant up containers with spring bedding plants	Growing hardy annuals resource sheet Hardy annual seeds, pots, compost, labels Supply of bedding plants and containers
Week 10	Direct Sow rocket, radish, beetroot, spinach / carrots / spring onions weeding, watering, weaving pea supports	Crop sheet Carrots, radish, Spinach & Chard Onions seeds, rulers, dibbers, rakes, labels, watering cans, trowels, hand forks Willow, canes, string weaving materials.
Week 11	Direct sow Leeks, or transplant leeks from modules if big enough	Crop sheet Leeks Seeds or plants, dibbers, labels, watering can, planting ruler
Week 12 (end of March)	Plant potatoes	Crop sheet potatoes, Seed potatoes, containers, compost, or dibbers, ruler,



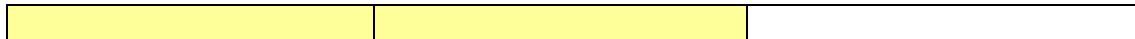
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SPRING TERM	Write watering Rota for Easter Holidays SESSION IDEAS	trowel for planting in beds Sign up parents for watering rota RESOURCES NEEDED
<p>Spring term Additional activities including wet weather high lighted in yellow</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring Sticks • Giant plant labels • Wigwam plant supports • Make Crop protection - bottle cloches, slug pubs and traps • Bee hotels • Weather stations • Garden journals • Mini crop plan in a seed tray • Make a wormery • Make a compost tower • Vegetable quiz – what part of the plant are we eating • Growing vegetable tops • Growing fruit, seeds, pips • Root cuttings of mints • Division of herbaceous plants • Living Willow tunnels can be planted up to end of March 	<p>For ruler 1m lengths of wood, pointed off cuts for labels, tape measures, pens, old seed catalogues, varnish Willow wigwams; willow wands, string Sustainable gardening resource – full of ideas of using plastic bottles in gardening See Norfolk wildlife trust website See Met Office website</p> <p>See CfSG Garden journals template</p> <p>CfSG lesson plan for Veg. Happy Families</p> <p>Resource sheet for Wormery</p> <p>SAPS resource</p> <p>See CfSG template</p> <p>Variety of vegetable tops, trays Fruit pips and seeds The Little Book Growing things Mint plants Hardy geraniums, or similar</p> <p>See CfSG willow resource Level4</p>



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SUMMER TERM	SESSION IDEAS	RESOURCES NEEDED
ALL Mid April	Visit garden to check on progress TOOL SAFETY	Summer Term Planner Tool safety talk, variety of tools, tool stop sign
Week 1	Sowing Summer tender vegetables Tomatoes / Peppers / Herbs INDOORS Weeding and watering beds Earth up potatoes	Sowing techniques glossary and Seed sowing resources on CfSG website Crop sheets for Tomatoes/Herbs/French beans/pumpkins Pots, labels, compost, bottle top waters. With all sowing of tender plants in pots, children can either take them home – good for links with home, or pots can be kept at school – in a frost free light place
Week 2	Direct Sow rocket / beetroot, spinach / carrots / spring onions / summer salads inc radish Make a watering device Learn how to water by counting by each plant, learn the Watering Song!	Crop sheet Spinach & Chard, Carrots, Onions, Lettuce, Radish. Watering device resource sheet 2 litre or larger plastic bottles, narrow plastic tubing, drippers, paints, permanent pens.
Week 3 (May)	Crafty Cuttings – take soft wood cuttings of plants with new growth e.g. lavender, geraniums, mints	Pots, labels, compost, bottle top waters For cuttings add vermiculite or sand to compost. Seal off inside a plastic bag More info. on CfSG – Crafty Cuttings
Week 4	Pricking out of tomatoes, lettuce, herbs or other seedlings	Have pots of seedlings ready Small dibbers or pencils Pots, tray, compost, labels
Week 5	Summer containers – Pizza pots – plant up tomatoes, herbs and with flowers Move French Beans &	plants Cold frame or vegetable trays with fleece cover Any containers, compost, water retaining gel, plant food,



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	Squashes to cold frame, plant out under cloches	plants – a mix of small pots of flowers and edible plants.
Week 6	Potting on tomatoes/peppers/herbs Making a Liquid feed from comfrey or nettles – needs to stew for 10 days	Larger pots for potting on, compost and Labels Large container with lid, comfrey leaves or nettles water, gloves
Whitsun HALF TERM – No More Frosts	End of May – beginning of June – Watering rota	Ask parents to water
Week 7 (June)	Pot on /or Plant out in beds summer tender vegetables French Beans / Squashes / tomatoes/leeks Make a willow wigwam for climbing French beans/summer annuals	Crop sheets and plants of Pumpkins & Squashes/French beans/tomatoes, trowels, compost, watering cans and devices Willow/canes/string/weaving materials. scissors
Week 8	Sale of surplus tomato plants Creating Wildlife Habitats, large hotel or small bee home	After school gate sale or summer fete stall Creating Wildlife Habitats on CfSG website level4. Lots of bricks, pallets, pipes, straw, bamboo canes. gloves
Week 9	Make a Tussie Mussie	scented flowers, herbs, string, ribbon
Week 10	Colours in the Garden Art in the Garden Harvest / Watering / Seed sowing (repeats of anything sowed this term for autumn harvest)	make ephemeral natural art sculptures from flower petals and leaves and twigs found in the garden. use colour charts with holes punched in them to match the colours found in the garden. Use sticky strips to collect leaves and flowers
Week 11 (July)	Go on a bug hunt – identify and study common insects found in the garden, the good, the bad and the ugly Plant life bee survey	Insect Flashcards Mini beast Key Insect Colouring sheets Definition pest predator
Week 12	Harvest / Mulch/tidy the garden ready for holidays Organise watering rota	Tub trugs, gloves, hand tools, plastic bags and labels for harvest
Additional summer term ideas	Plant Dyes Pond dipping Visit to near by gardens Lavender bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • onion skins, • Pond dipping kit • Local garden/allotment • Lavender flowers, rice, pretty material, ribbon



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	<p>Model bugs</p> <p>Wormeries</p> <p>Soil feely test</p> <p>Scent in the garden</p> <p>Make a scare crow from recycled bottles and CDs (if not done in spring term)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeds, vegetables, twigs, cocktail sticks or cool glue gun • 2L Plastic bottles, sand, soil, compost, 2 worms per bottle, newspaper, elastic bands • discover the texture of your soil from a simple feely test, follow the key on CfSG • collect leaves and flowers smells in plastic cups – sit in circle share smells - can do this blind folded. • Plastic bottles, CDs, feathers, pens, streamers, string
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