



Sub-Tropical School Planting Guide
What Should I Do and Plant In
February/March/April

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Jobs/Activities to do	February Plant/Propagate/Dig	March/April Planting options Select from:	Potentially available for harvest
<p>Gardens planted to green manure crops to be forked over in preparation for planting.</p> <p>Compost to be turned.</p> <p>Decomposed material to be added to beds that will be planted to annual crops, plus to beds with semi-permanent plantings.</p> <p>Setup/rejuvenate worm farms</p> <p>Plan what and where to plant this year.</p> <p>Harvest, dry and pack seeds. Make and decorate your own seed packs</p> <p>Grow sprouts or micro greens in jars and trays.</p> <p>Sow, then calculate % germination or beans or other seeds.</p>	<p>Sow seeds/pot up seedlings to get crops growing while preparing garden beds.</p> <p>Basil-seedlings Beans-snake bean seeds Bok/Pak Choy-seeds/seedlings Capsicum-seedlings Cucumber-seedlings Eggplant-seedlings Leeks-seeds/seedlings Lettuce-seeds/seedlings Silver beet/Chard-seeds Sweet potato-cuttings Tomatoes-seeds/seedlings</p> <p><u>Create permanent beds for:</u> Asparagus Madagascar beans, rosemary, oregano, thyme, chives, lemon grass, strawberries</p> <p>Dig up root crops that have grown over summer like sweet potatoes.</p> <p>Think about planting what your students: -will eat raw -will find easy to cook -can identify with -can repeat harvest -can grow quickly and easily.</p> <p>Plan to keep notes and photo records to chart garden progress and record your successes.</p>	<p>Asparagus-crowns Beans-seed Beetroot-seeds/seedlings Bok/Pak Choy-seeds/seedlings Broccoli-seeds/seedlings Cabbage-seeds Carrots-seeds Cauliflower-seeds Celery-seeds/seedlings Endive-seeds/seedlings English spinach-seeds Garlic-cloves Kale-seeds/seedlings Kohl rabi-seeds/seedlings Leeks-seeds/seedlings Chicory-seeds/pots Eggplant-seedlings Leeks-seeds/seedlings Lettuce-seeds/seedlings Parsley-seedlings Potato-certified seed potatoes Radish-seeds Rocket-seeds/seedlings Silver beet/Chard-seeds/seedlings Strawberries-runners/pots Sweet potato-cuttings Tomatoes-seeds/seedlings</p>	<p>Crops of sweet potatoes, sweet corn, pumpkins, honeydew melons, watermelons, rockmelons and rosella planted in late November and early December mature over holiday break, ready for harvest first term. Remove vines as harvest is completed and replenish beds with compost.</p> <p>Perennial herbs and spices including parsley, garden mint, Vietnamese mint, rosemary, thyme, oregano, chives plus ginger, turmeric and galangal ready for use.</p> <p>Harvest as appropriate: Madagascar beans Spring onions Perennial leeks Pineapple</p> <p>See also Basil Capsicum Cherry tomatoes Cucumber Eggplants Lettuce Sweet potato leaves/tips</p>



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August/September/October

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August Planting options Select from:	September Planting options Select from:	October Planting options Select from:	Potentially available for harvest
Beans-seeds Beetroot-seeds/seedlings Bok/Pak Choy-seeds/seedlings Broccoli-seeds/seedlings Capsicum-seed/seedlings Cucumber-seeds/seedlings Carrots-seeds Chicory-seeds/pots Eggplant-seed/seedlings Endive-seeds/seedlings English spinach-seedlings Kale-seedlings Lettuce-seeds/seedlings Okra-seeds/seedlings Parsley-seedlings Peas-seeds Potato-certified seed potatoes Radish-seeds Rocket-seeds/seedlings Rockmelon-seeds/seedlings Silver beet/Chard-seeds/seedlings Spring onions-seeds/seedlings/base offcuts Sweet potato-cuttings Tomatoes-seeds/seedlings	Basil-seeds/seedlings Beetroot-seedlings Bok/Pak Choy-seeds/seedlings Capsicum-seed/seedlings Cucumber-seeds/seedlings Eggplant-seedlings Lettuce-seeds/seedlings Okra-seedlings Parsley-seedlings Peas-seeds Pumpkin-seeds Radish-seeds Rocket-seeds/seedlings Rockmelon-seeds/seedlings Rosella-seed/seedlings Silver beet-seedlings Spring onions-seeds/seedlings/base offcuts Squash-seeds/seedlings Sweet corn- seeds Sweet potato-cuttings Tomatoes-seedlings Watermelon-seeds Zucchini-seeds/seedlings	Basil-seedlings Beetroot-seedlings Bok/Pak Choy-seeds/seedlings Capsicum-seedlings Cucumber-seedlings Eggplant-seedlings Lettuce-seeds/seedlings Okra-seedlings Parsley-seedlings Pumpkin-seeds Radish-seeds Rocket-seedlings Rockmelon-seedlings Rosella-seedlings Silver beet-seedlings Spring onions-seedlings/base offcuts Squash-seedlings Sweet corn- seeds Sweet potato-cuttings Tomatoes-seedlings Watermelon-seeds/seedlings Zucchini-seedlings	All plants grown from seed or planted as seedlings during April, May, June and early July. Perennial and annual herbs. Root crops including potatoes and sweet potatoes. Asparagus crowns require three years establishment before harvest.



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November/ December/January

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November Planting options Select from:	December Planting options Jobs to do	January Planting options Jobs To Do	The Year in Review
<p>Basil-seedlings Capsicum-seedlings Eggplant-seedlings Lettuce-seedlings Okra-seedlings Pumpkin-seeds Radish-seeds Rockmelon-seedlings Rosella-seedlings Spring onions-seedlings/base offcuts Sweet corn- seeds Sweet potato-cuttings Watermelon-seeds/seedlings Zucchini-seedlings</p> <p>Note: Plant early in the month and rationalize selection to those crops that can either be grown and harvested before the end of the school year or carried over for an end of January and February harvest.</p>	<p>Okra-seedlings Pumpkin-seeds Rockmelon-seedlings Rosella-seedlings Sweet corn- seeds Sweet potato-cuttings Watermelon-seeds/seedlings</p> <p>Note: Plant crops that will carry over to provide a harvest when school returns.</p> <p>Set up automatic watering systems and shade protection where necessary</p> <p>Harvest crops and prepare compost for decomposition over the summer holidays.</p> <p>Mulch empty garden beds or sow to a green manure crop.</p>	<p>Plant into pots or prepared gardens: Basil-seedlings Beans-snake bean seeds Capsicum-seedlings Cucumber-seedlings Eggplant-seedlings Leeks-seeds/seedlings Lettuce-seeds/seedlings Silver beet/Chard-seeds Sweet corn-seeds Sweet potato-cuttings Tomatoes-seeds/seedlings</p> <p>Plant perennial herbs including rosemary, thyme, oregano, chives, mint, lemon grass etc.</p> <p>Prepare empty beds by adding compost and organic fertilizer.</p> <p>Dig in any green manure crops or slash and mulch over to form a no-dig style garden.</p> <p>Sow seeds/pot up seedlings to get crops growing while preparing garden beds.</p> <p>Revitalize or replant perennial greens.</p>	<p>Harvest all annual crops that will not carry over the summer holiday break. Harvest and prune annual herbs. Prune rosemary, oregano, thyme, mint and other perennial herbs.</p> <p>Basil, Madagascar beans, capsicum, cherry tomatoes, eggplants, perennial leeks, parsley, spring onion and sweet potato may remain over summer where some care and watering is available.</p> <p>Compile a list of the best performing crops and varieties.</p> <p>Modify this planting guide by highlighting what grew well and provided learning opportunities. Strike through what was hard to use or grow.</p> <p>Plan gardening activities for the following year and order any supplies for delivery at the start of the school year.</p> <p>Foster relationships with local nurseries and gardening groups who can advise and support your school gardening activities.</p> <p>Make a photo book/poster/wall chart or other method to record activities in the garden during the year.</p>