SCHOOLS

Plants for the school year

To let pupils see sowing, growth and harvest before the summer break, choose quick, easy cool-season crops.

Sowing or planting · Harvest · ★★★ ideal for schools · H S O C recommended MAVA

Plant	School	J F M A M J J A S O N D	MAVA	Why
Mint	★★★		H S O C	Cuttings in class, harvest all year
Coriander	★★★		H S O C	Cool season, September to May
Lettuce	★★★		H O C	Quick and easy, October to May
Rocket	★★★		H S O C	Fastest leaf crop: one month
Radish	★★★		O C	Classroom champion: one month
Strawberry	★★★		H S O C	Plant in autumn, pick in spring
Nasturtium & marigold	★★★		H S O C	Edible flowers, bright colours
Basil	★★☆		H S O C	Sow in spring, harvest before summer
Parsley	★★☆		H S O C	Slow to sprout: sow in September
Dill	★★☆		H S O C	Cool season; guide the tall stems
Thyme & rosemary	★★☆		O C	Young plants, OLLA or COMPOST
Cherry tomato	★★☆		H O C	Mostly harvested in summer
Pepper & chilli	★☆☆		H O C	Season too long for school

A possible sequence

TERM 1

Radish, rocket, lettuce, coriander, dill; strawberries planted in October.

TERM 2

Re-sown lettuce and rocket, parsley, mint, coriander.

TERM 3

Strawberries, basil, nasturtiums; mint and thyme before summer.