Getting the most from your
Time-Track Tractor

Your class is going to create a time-track tractor frieze to track your potato growing journey.

There are 17 sections to make up the frieze. A pair or individual in the class will have a section each to personalise. These can then be displayed to build the frieze around your classroom.

During the week, those responsible for the week’s section must:

» Read the message on the frieze and share it with the rest of the class;
» Fill in a diary entry - add a note and drawings about how the potatoes are developing and record any key events;
» Find out an amazing potato fact and add it to the ‘Did you know’ area;
» Complete a special mission;
» Decorate the page in a potato themed style!
» Present their section of the frieze to the class and add it to the wall.

Don’t forget to also download this year’s support resources, instruction sheet, wall chart and potato journals - these will help you with your potato journey.

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Special Mission
Send a tweet to let everyone know you have started your potato growing journey!
We’d love to see your progress, don’t forget to include @potatoes4school or #potatoes4school

Chitting - 19 February
Place your seed potatoes on the chitting tray (created from your kit box).
Put them in a warm space with lots of light - the classroom windowsill is perfect.
Present your findings to the class and stick your frieze section to the wall. Remember to start in a place that leaves plenty of room for the next 16 sections, too!

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Week 1 - Planting. 5 March

Plant your chitted seed potatoes with the shoots facing upwards.

Labelling your bags
Show us your ingenious way of labelling your grow bags, you could win a prize – we’ve made some suggestions on the website.

Did You Know...
Colour in using your favourite colours.

Take a look at our ‘Growing potatoes’ PowerPoint.

Lot's of ways to win prizes for your school this year.

Take a photo of the seed potatoes being planted.

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Did You Know...

Special Mission

Make a short announcement in whole school assembly to tell everyone that you are growing potatoes and what has been happening.

Week 2 - Looking after your plants

Make a timetable for who will check and water the potato plants. Monitor the watering on your Potato wall chart by adding the water symbol on the date you water the plants.

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Organise members of your class to take turns being a daily ‘weather watcher’ and check the weather each day. If it is due to be frosty, the potato plants will need to be brought inside overnight. Record any frost on your Potato wall chart using the frost symbol.

**Special Mission**
Ask three people how tall they think the tallest potato plant will become. (See who was closest at the end of the project)

**Weather watch**

**Did You Know...**

**Week 3 - Potato progress**

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**Colour in using your favourite colours**

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Take a photo of your potato plants being measured!

Did You Know...

Remember to make a plan for who will check and water your potatoes in the school holidays!

Week 4 - Nurturing

Measure your tallest potato plant this week. Record its height on your Potato wall chart and add the ruler symbol on the date you took the measurement. Look at the Plant Health Fact Sheet on the website.

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SPECIAL MISSION

What is the ideal temperature for growing a potato?
Week 5 - Knowing Potatoes

Special Mission
Find out how a farmer grows potatoes.

Give your potatoes more room to grow, keep adding soil until you get to the top of the bag.

Why not face time a farmer and see how his potatoes are growing?

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Week 6 - Growing on

Take 8 measurements of your potato plants between March and June. Add a ruler symbol to your wall chart to plan when to do this. Your last one should be the day before harvesting.

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Send a tweet about your potato plants! Remember to record this on your Potato wall chart! @potatoes4school #potatoes4school

How many leaves does your largest Rocket potato plant have?

Check the Grow Your Own Potatoes website for growing tips!
Visit www.foodafactoflife.org.uk for curriculum linked resources