



## Reception Summer Term

### Planting and Minibeasts

Vegetables are parts of plants that are consumed by humans or other animals as food.

A 'minibeast' is simply a small animal. Spiders, snails, slugs, beetles, centipedes, worms, earwigs, caterpillars are just a few.

#### Key Vocabulary

1	Potato	The potato is a root vegetable. It is one of the most important food crops, cooked and eaten as a vegetable.
2	Onion	A swollen edible bulb used as a vegetable, having a pungent taste and smell and composed of several concentric layers.
3	Radish	A swollen pungent-tasting edible root, especially a variety which is small, spherical, and red, and eaten raw with salad.
4	Spider	An eight-legged predatory arachnid with an unsegmented body consisting of a fused head and thorax and a rounded abdomen. Spiders have fangs which inject poison into their prey, and most kinds spin webs in which to capture insects.
5	Snail	A mollusc with a single spiral shell into which the whole body can be
6	Worm	Any of a number of creeping or burrowing invertebrate animals with long, slender soft bodies and no limbs.

#### Key Knowledge

##### 3 tips for growing vegetables

1. Plant in a sunny location. Most vegetables need at least 6 hours of direct sunlight per day. ...
2. Plant in good soil. Plants' roots penetrate soft soil more easily, so you need nice loamy soil. ...
3. Plant in a stable environment.

##### MiniBeasts

Officially, **minibeasts** are called invertebrates which are animals without a backbone, and these are the most numerous type of animal in the world. In Britain alone there are over 25,000 species of invertebrates known. Unlike vertebrates (animals with a backbone) they do not have a skeleton inside

#### How to make a Log pile lodge

To **make** a log pile, simply collect small logs, large sticks and pieces of rotting wood. Pile them up in a damp, shady area of your garden, then stuff some dead leaves in the nooks and crannies to **make** it cosy. Good for: centipedes, woodlice and beetles who like to burrow into decaying wood



#### Creepy Crawlies

