

# Primary School Case Study - Crop Rotation Plan



Crop rotation allows you to grow specific groups of vegetables on a different part of the vegetable plot each year. The benefits of crop rotation are:

- increases soil fertility
- improves soil structure
- prevents soil erosion
- increases crop yields
- allows you to try lots of new veggies!

You can plant these vegetables as part of the Young Marketeers project and have a crop ready for the sale!

## Sweet Peas

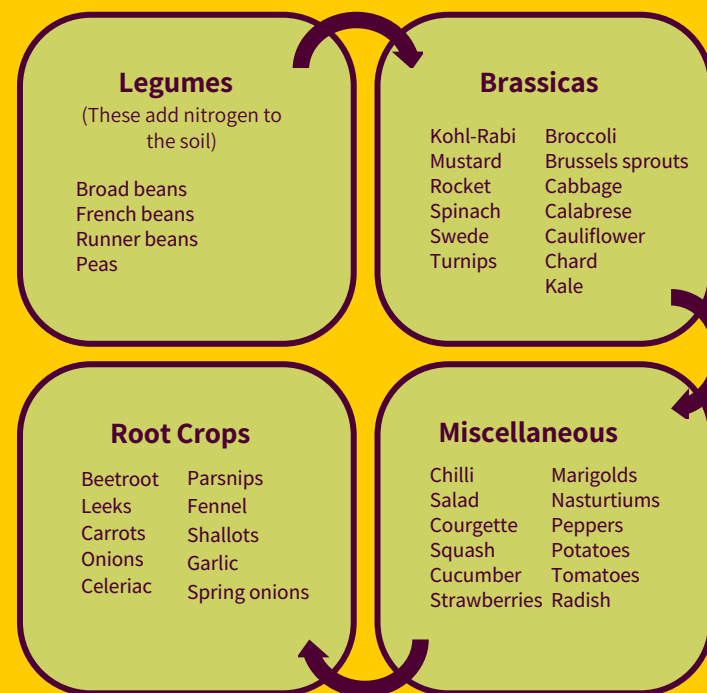


## Soybeans



## Jerusalem Artichoke

Here are some pictures of other interesting vegetable varieties that you could grow.



## Parisian Carrots



## 'Pink Gypsy' Potato



## Horseradish



## Romanesco



## Blue Potato

## Vetch



## Chicory



## Crimson Clover

## Tips for building fertility in your raised beds

### 1. Plant cover crops

After a vegetable harvest plant cover crops to improve soil structure e.g. clover, winter rye, vetch, chicory. By planting these in combination, you can achieve a range of different benefits.

### 2. Add organic matter into your soil

Organic materials such as manure, compost tea, eggshells, dead wood and coffee grounds are great for building fertility!

### 3. Don't dig out weeds - smother them

Try covering weeds with cardboard/mulch instead of pulling them up, to reduce soil erosion.