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Tropical School Gardening Guide
What Should I Do and Plant In
February/March/April

Jobs/Activities to do	Feb Plant/Propagate/Dig (weather permitting)	March /April Planting (weather permitting)	Potentially available for harvest
<p>Clean up/prepare gardens for dry season planting by sowing green manures. Dig in or mulch over when rains stop.</p> <p>Turn compost heaps/bays & keep covered from rain.</p> <p>Set up/rejuvenate worm farms.</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 of beans or other seeds.</p> <p>Sow seeds/pot up seedlings of basil, capsicum, eggplants & tomatoes for later planting.</p> <p>Plan the garden layout for the coming season. What will you plant where and how many? Will you use seed or seedlings? Will you incorporate some flowers?</p>	<p>Direct sow seeds: (where beds are already prepared or delay until March/April) Amaranth Corn Lettuce Melons Mustard Greens Radish Rocket</p> <p>Take cuttings of: perennial/repeat harvest crops including: kangkong, sambung, Brazilian spinach, aibika, sweet potato etc.</p> <p>Root crops Dig root crops that have grown over summer.</p> <p>Herbs and spices Harvest herbs for drying and take cuttings/collect seed of those to be replanted.</p> <p>Think about planting what you think your students: -will eat raw -will find easy to cook -can identify with -can repeat harvest -can grow quickly and easily</p> <p>Keep notes and photo/video records to chart garden progress and record your success.</p>	<p>Direct sow seed of: Amaranth Corn Lettuce Rock melons Mustard greens Radish Rocket Zucchini</p> <p>Plant perennial spinach and salad greens including: Sambung, Brazilian, Okinawa & Ceylon spinach, aibika, kang kong, rungia (mushroom plant), Lebanese cress, watercress & sweet leaf</p> <p>Plant cuttings of cassava & sweet potato plus tubers of arrowroot, taro, cocoyam directly into prepared beds.</p> <p>Sow into pots Keep protected undercover until the end of the wet season, then plant out: Basil-seed Capsicum-seed Chicory-seed Cucumber-seed Eggplant-seed Lettuce-seed Rosella-seed Tomatoes-seed and in April all other dry season vegetables</p>	<p>Sambung, Brazilian, Okinawa & Ceylon spinach, aibika, kang kong, rungia, Lebanese cress, watercress, sweet leaf (tips), Timor/Darwin + other tropical lettuce varieties.</p> <p>Arrowroot, cassava, taro, cocoyam plus tubers and green tips of sweet potato.</p> <p>Perennial herbs including onion and garlic chives, garden mint, Vietnamese mint, perennial coriander, lemon grass etc.</p>



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May/June/July

<p align="center">May Planting options Select from</p>	<p align="center">June Planting options Select from</p>	<p align="center">July Planting options Select from</p>	<p align="center">Potentially available for harvest</p>
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August/September/October

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November/December/January

<p align="center">November Planting options Select from</p>	<p align="center">December Jobs to do</p>	<p align="center">January Jobs to do</p>	<p align="center">The year in review</p>
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