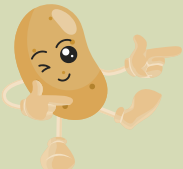


# Grampa Greenhouse

and friends grow...



# POTATOES



Hi, our names are Buddy and Leah. We help Grampa Greenhouse grow all kinds of fun plants, fruit & vegetables.



Today we are helping him to grow potatoes, do you want to learn with us?

# Let's get growing...

## What you'll need

- Seed Potatoes – grampa greenhouse also calls these tubers, they are what you need to grow potatoes.
- A few 8 litre potato bags or containers
- Multi-purpose compost – we are using peat-free as its better for our planet

## Time to start growing

STEP 1: We need to get our seed potatoes ready by encouraging them to start sprouting, this step is called 'chitting' our potatoes. We do this by placing the seed potatoes in an empty egg tray and leaving them on a sunny window, they will begin to grow shoots (these shoots are called the 'rose'). Once the shoots reach 2.5cm long, they are ready to plant!



**STEP 2: Let's plant! We need to fill our potato bag or container with compost. Now carefully place one seed potato into the compost with the 'rose' facing up. Grampa Greenhouse says they need to be 15cm deep. Gently add more compost over the seed potato and water with our watering can.**



**STEP 3: Now we have to look after our crop – do you think we can together? Here's Grampa's tips –**

- Water regularly – don't let the soil get too dry
- Make sure the compost is always covering the potatoes
- When flowers appear, or the leaves start to turn yellow your potatoes are **READY!!**
- Now they're ready, we can tip the container out and find our spuds

## Grampa Greenhouse's Grammar








- Seed Potatoes – these are what you use to grow your potatoes. You can choose your favourite variety of seed potato – Grampa Greenhouse loves King Edward potatoes as they are a great all round potato variety.
- Chitting – this is a fancy word that just means to let the seed potatoes sprout before planting
- Compost – this is what you grow your potatoes in, multi-purpose means it can be used for multiple things, making it perfect for potatoes.
- Peat-free – this is the type of compost Grampa Greenhouse now uses as it is better for our environment.

## Grampa Greenhouse did you know?

Potatoes were the **FIRST** vegetable grown in space!! Nasa developed the technology to do this back in October 1995.



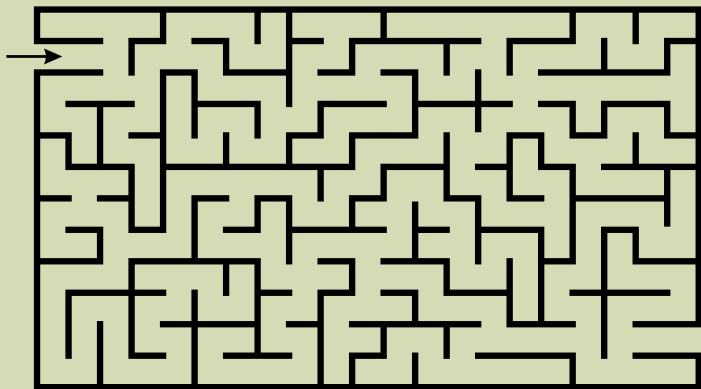
# Types of Potatoes

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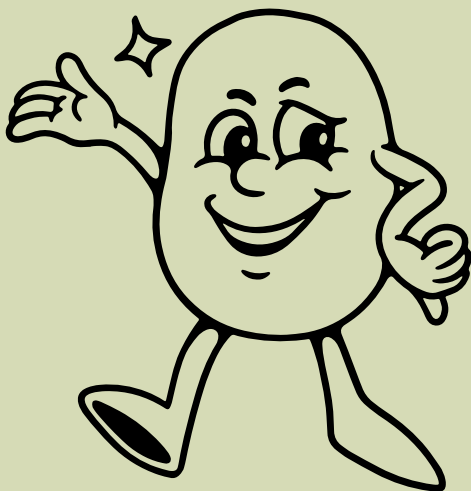


# Grampa's Garden Games

Follow the potato trail



Colour  
the  
potato



Thanks for learning how to grow  
potatoes with Grampa Greenhouse  
and us, you are officially our new  
best spuds – see you next time!



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