2A2 ✓ Plant summer flowering bulbs Sow annuals and vegetable seeds under protection Sow hardy annuals and tips outdoors Trotect new plants from slugs and other Gardening tasks pests 4A7 Mulch soft fruits and flowerbeds Keep weeds under control 2A10 Feed and water indoor and greenhouse plants 3A4

early spring

late spring

early summer

late summer

early autumn

Start planning for

winter – order cata-

Sow seeds for

Collect and sow

seeds from perennials

and hardy annuals 1A4

✓ Plant spring flower-

Clean out cold

frames and green-

over winter 3A10

houses, ready for use

Harvest crops and

autumn raspberries

Place netting on

leaf fall

ponds to protect from

winter crops

ing bulbs

loques for next year's

spring bulbs and seeds

late autumn early winter

late winter

- Plant early potatoes, onions and shallots
 - ✓ Plant main crop potatoes, broad beans and peas
 - Sow direct hardier seeds (ea beetroot, carrots, spinach, salad)
 - Sow seeds for summer crops under protection (eg runner beans, sweetcorn, courgettes, squashes)
 - Trepare hanging baskets and planters, but keep protected from late frosts 1B2
 - Feed roses and shrubs
 - Sow new lawns, repair patches, feed existing lawns and start mowing weekly 1A6
 - Lift and divide overcrowded spring flowering bulbs
 - Check plants for pests and signs of disease 2A8

Plant out summer bedding and position hanging baskets and planters outside

- Water, water, water!
- Keep weeds down by hoeing regularly - before you see the weeds! 1A3
- Protect vulnerable crops with netting or cages
- Ventilate and shade greenhouses to prevent them getting too hot 3A9 3B2
- Harvest salad crops and early potatoes
- Pick and store herbs
- and flowers

- Sow green manures in empty beds
- Stake tall plants
- Deadhead plants to encourage more flowers
- Clear ponds of weeds and keep topped up with water
- Care for houseplants while on holiday 3A11
- Dig up and dry onions
- Creatively use or store any food aluts (eg tomatoes, courgettes, sweetcorn, onions, potatoes) **5B1**
- Prepare new strawberry beds

- ✓ Plant out winter bedding plants
- ✓ Plant out winter crops (eg spring cabbages)
- Divide rhubarb to create new plants
- Trune climbing roses 1A9
- Tidy flower beds; cut back and divide perennials 1B1
- Clear weeds and leaf fall; mulch or sow winter manure
- Give lawns a final mow and keep edges trim 1A7
- containers from frost
- Harvest apples, pears and grapes

Review successes and failures of last vear and make notes

- Order new seeds and other plants
- Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming year 2A3 2B3
 - Clean and repair any tools, flower pots and other equipment 2A11
 - Make repairs to greenhouses and check heaters are working
- Check cloches are secure for winter protection 3A3
- Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds from freezing
- Harvest winter vegetables (eg parsnips, cabbages, sprouts)
- *Fut out food and water for birds 4A6 4A8

- ▲ Divide snowdrops and plant in the green
- ✓ Prepare seed beds and sow some vegetables under cover 2A5 6A2
- Chit potato tubers. sow broad beans, start forcing rhubarb
- Dig and test soil, apply fertilisers 2A4 2A7 2A9 2B5 2B6
- Trune raspberry canes 2B2
- Prune winter flowering shrubs and hedges
- Name of Prune greenhouse climbing plants
- Start a compost heap 2A6 2B4 6A6



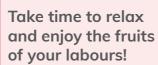


🖹 Start planning places to visit throughout the summer for ideas and inspiration 1A11 1B6 3**B**5

- ▲ Go to a seed swap fair and share what you have with other people
- Find out about gardening competitions and campaigns and get involved 1B7



Get creative and bring art into your garden space Module 7





- **■** Get creative in the kitchen using all your own produce Module 5
- Enter your produce in a flower and produce show – you could win!
- Use vegetables (eg courgettes, carrots, beetroot) to make a cake for a Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning event
- ** Make a bird box or bug hotel to entice wildlife into your garden to study < Module 4
- Build a barbecue ready for next summer 6B2



Install a greenhouse or polytunnel to extend your range of crops and growing period Module 3

- Recycle your Christmas tree - shred it for mulch
- Think about gardening as a career and find out about what's involved Module 8
- li Visit a commercial nursery with a view to setting up your own enterprise 3B1 3B4
- 🖺 Visit a garden centre for ideas and inspiration about seeds and planting 1A1
- Find out about garden design – both structure and planting – and become an expert 1A5 1A10 1B3 1B4



Gardening Short Course seasonal calendar of tasks and ideas