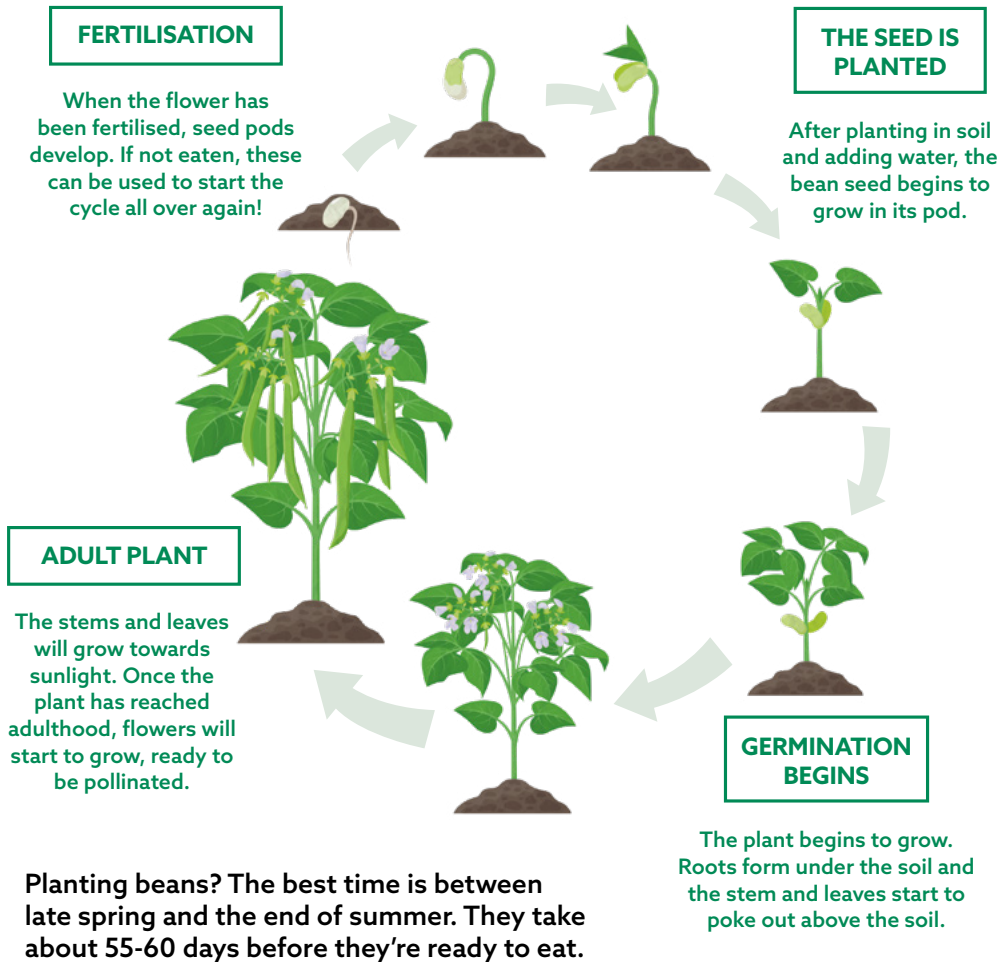




## THE BEAN LIFECYCLE

One of the best things about growing your own fruit and veg is watching your tiny seeds growing into something that you can eat. Below you can learn all about the process and how it comes round full circle.



## WEIRD & WONDERFUL FRUIT AND VEG

Impress your friends and family with some of these strange and interesting facts from all over the world.

**GUESS WHAT?**  
The world's tallest bean plant was 14 metres tall! Hopefully they didn't climb the stalk and bump into any giants.

**Orange:** In California, eating oranges while having a bath is illegal!

**Pear:** In China, it's bad luck for friends to share pears.

**Tomato:** Spain's annual tomato festival in Bunol uses over 150,000 pounds of tomatoes.

**Carrot:** Carrots were originally purple and the orange variety was only created in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

**Apple:** There are so many varieties of apples that if you ate a new one each day, it would take over 20 years to try them all!

**Potatoes:** Potatoes were traded for gold during the Alaskan Klondike Gold Rush.

**Banana:** The world record for the biggest bunch of bananas is 473! They were found on a tree in the Canary Islands.



## KNOW YOUR FLOWERS

Have you ever looked closely at the beautiful blooms in your garden? Next time you're outside, take a peek and see if you can spot all of these...



**STAMEN**  
This is the male part of the flower. It produces the pollen.

**STIGMA**  
This is a female part of the flower. It receives the pollen.

**GUESS WHAT?**  
The world's largest flower is 10 feet tall and is called the corpse flower because it smells so bad!

**PETAL**  
Petals are vivid colours to attract insects like bees and butterflies that help with pollination.

**SEPAL**  
This is the small leaves growing at the base of the petals. They protect the flower before it blooms and hold it in place.

**OVARY**  
This protects the ovules, which fertilise the pollen to grow it into a seed.

**GUESS WHAT?**  
Roses have lots of fruity relatives, like apples, cherries, peaches, plums, pears and almonds.

**GUESS WHAT?**  
White flowers give off stronger scents than colourful ones.

