

Primary School Education Pack



In order for Mr Tayto to make crisps at Tayto Castle, he requires a lot of potatoes. Potatoes are the main ingredient in making crisps.



Potatoes were first brought to Europe by an explorer named Sir Walter Raleigh. The potato became a very popular vegetable and is eaten by a lot of children throughout the world.

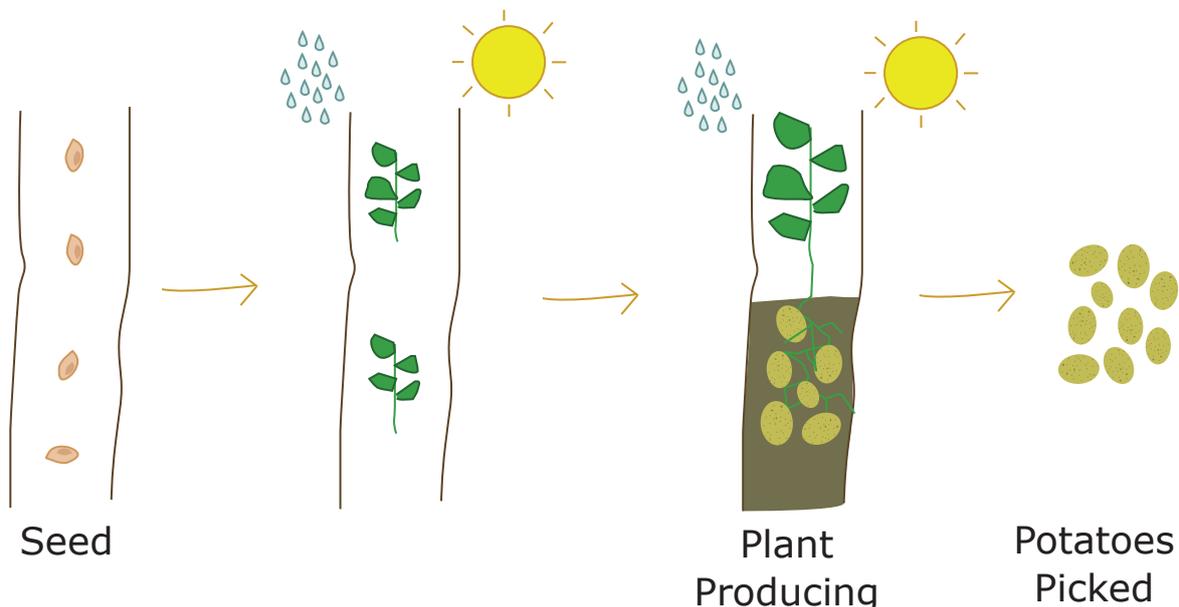
Potatoes don't just appear in the ground, they start life as a seed, which the potato grower plants in the soil. With the help of sunshine and water, the seed grows into a

plant. The plant produces potatoes which grow under the ground. The potato plant traps the sunlight to form a sugar called 'starch' inside the potato. The potato needs starch to keep it alive once it has been picked. The potatoes are picked from the end of July through to November.

Now that Mr. Tayto has picked his main ingredients how does he turn them into crisps?

Once picked the potatoes are taken to Tayto Castle and stored in 1 tonne wooden boxes ready to be given their magical makeover. This is what happens next.

How potatoes are grown





Not every potato picked will be turned into crisps. Potatoes which are too small and those that are too big will be rejected. Tayto have a special machine which sorts the potatoes making sure that only the 'right sized' potatoes go through to be sliced. Once sliced the potatoes are fried in vegetable oil at a very high temperature of around 182C for 3- 4 minutes.

The final stage of the process is flavouring. Only Mr. Tayto is allowed into the secret flavouring room. The most popular Tayto flavours are:

1. Cheese & Onion
2. Smoky Bacon
3. Prawn Cocktail



Many children enjoy eating crisps but it is important that we give our body a balanced diet and take plenty of exercise.

When you buy your next bag of Tayto crisps think about walking or cycling to the shop rather than going in the car.



Quiz

1. Who brought potatoes to Europe?

- a) Mr Tayto
- b) King Henry the Eighth
- c) Sir Walter Raleigh
- d) Marco Polo

4. Tayto crisps are fried in

- a) olive oil
- b) vegetable oil
- c) animal fat
- d) butter

2. Potatoes start life as a

- a) bulb
- b) egg
- c) seed
- d) crisp

5. The potatoes are stored in

- a) 1 tonne wooden boxes
- b) 1 tonne bags
- c) a fridge
- d) in the dungeon of Tayto castle

3. The potato plant traps sunlight to

- a) form sugars
- b) keep warm
- c) eat
- d) to get a suntan

6. Tayto's most popular flavour is

- a) Salt & Vinegar
- b) Cheese & Onion
- c) Ready Salted
- d) Prawn Cocktail

Answers: 1) c 2) c 3) a 4) b 5) a 6) b

