

# OLIVIA'S ROOT ISLANDS



Keep the part of the vegetable you don't use for this experiment to make 'Root vegetable wedges'



You will need:

- root vegetables such as parsnip, carrot, turnip and beetroot (it is best to use ones that have sprouted a little)
- dish
- water



Ask an adult to help you cut the tops off some root vegetables so they are at least 3cm tall.

Put a little cold water into a dish and spread the vegetable tops on the dish with the flat side down.



Carefully pour in a little more water around the vegetable tops, but don't cover them.



Put the dish on a windowsill. Add a little water each day. The shoots will grow in a few days.



We call them root vegetables because they are the root part of the plant. There are lots of root vegetables that you can eat. Beetroot and radish, for example, taste great in salads.

Your shoots will grow to look like tall trees on islands! Why not make a little paper boat to sail through the islands?