

GLOSSARY FOR 5-7 YEAR-OLDS

Cereals – grasses that produce edible seeds called grains, such as wheat, barley, oats and rye.

Chaff – the dry outer covering of a seed (for example wheat). This is separated from the rest of the wheat grain during threshing.

Cultivate – the way soil is prepared for planting.

Dough – a thick mixture of flour and water.

Drilled – the process of planting seeds in rows.

Fertiliser – a source of food for growing seeds and plants that is put onto the soil by the farmer. Fertiliser can be natural (made by nature) or artificial (made by man).

Grains – the small hard seed of a grass, especially a cereal plant.

Harvesting – the gathering of a ripened crop.

Knead – the process by which dough is stretched and pressed to make it smooth and stretchy so that it will rise well.

Milling – the method of grinding and crushing grains to produce flour.

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Pesticide – a chemical used to kill insects.

Plough – a method of preparing the soil before sowing or drilling the next crop.

Season – one of four periods in the year affected by the sun's position in the sky (Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter).

Seed – the part of a plant that can grow into a new plant.

Straw – the stalk of a cereal plant.

Threshing – the process of separating the cereal plant into three different parts: the straw, the chaff and the grain.