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we opted for, including duck spring rolls and 'moneybags' (pastry parcels of chicken and vegetables) for starters. They were definitely hot and crunchy, with a little bit of spice but not too much. For mains we ordered a chicken and prawn Pad Thai and a chicken stir fry. The stir fry was hot and fresh, I should have ordered a rice with it as there was a rich and sticky sauce that needed mopping up. Overall the atmosphere and décor was lovely, the restaurant was busy but not too noisy, and the food tasty and fresh.

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edding plants are a staple of springtime gardening and nurseries are full of them at the moment. They're little powerhouses of vibrant colours which we as gardeners can use to brighten our plot.

Bedding plants are simply short-term plants, usually annuals or biennials, which are grown for their decorative flowers or foliage. They're typically planted in beds, borders, containers, or hanging baskets to provide a stunning display for a specific season, such as spring or summer. Unlike perennials, which return year after year, bedding plants complete their life cycle in one season, making them ideal for gardeners who love to experiment and refresh their displays annually.

At the moment I'm planting up pansies, petunias, begonias, geraniums, and marigolds. There are so many varieties, with something to suit every garden and colour scheme.

They are such a quick and affordable way to inject colour and interest into a garden. Their fast-growing nature means you can create an eyecatching display in a matter of weeks, perfect for filling gaps in borders or brightening



up patios and balconies.

They're also incredibly versatile, thriving in various settings, from formal gardens to informal cottage styles. Many bedding plants attract pollinators like bees and butterflies, which as you know I love to encourage because they contribute to a healthy ecosystem. Additionally, they allow gardeners to experiment with assorted colour schemes and layouts each year.

How to Use Bedding Plants

Plan Your Display - For a formal look, plant them in neat rows or symmetrical patterns in flowerbeds. For a more relaxed vibe, mix different species in containers or hanging baskets. Prepare the Soil - Bedding plants thrive in free-draining, nutrient-rich soil. Before planting, prepare the ground by removing weeds, loosening the soil, and adding compost or slow-release fertilizer. **Planting Tips** – Spring bedding can be planted straight away. Wait until the risk of frost has passed (usually late May in the UK) before planting summer bedding plants.

Space them according to their requirements to ensure healthy growth and avoid overcrowding.

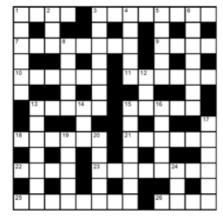
Caring for Your Plants -Regular watering, especially during dry spells, is essential. Deadhead spent blooms to encourage continuous flowering and use liquid feed every few weeks for the best display.

For a year-round garden display, consider seasonal bedding. Spring bulbs like tulips and daffodils can take centre stage early in the year, followed by vibrant summer bedding, and finished off with hardy winter options like violas or ornamental cabbages.

Versatile, affordable, and pretty, bedding plants are an excellent choice for gardeners of all levels. Whether you're filling a formal border or adding flair to a balcony, they will bring a splash of joy to any outdoor space.



crossword



Down

- 1 Earth, land (6)
- 2 Move slowly, delay (3)
- 3 of the Lost Ark
- 4 Large, loud waterbirds (5)
- 5 Arc (5)
- 6 Balloon, bloat (7)
- 8 Another time, repeated (5)
- 12 Tell an untruth (3)
- 13 Intention (7)
- 14 Spasm, jerk (3)

clues

Across

- 1 Precious metal (4)
- 3 Murder of a king (8)
- 7 Arrange, systemise (8)
- 9 Audacious, foolhardy (4)
- 10 Reverse, nullify (6)
- 11 XI (6)
- 13 Gasps for air (5)
- 15 Facial hair (5)
- 18 Painting on wet plaster (6)
- 22 Carcass (4)
- 23 A catholic prayer (4,4)
- 25 Type of concertina (8)
- 26 Surrounded by (4)
 - 15 Bulwark, stronghold (7)
 - 16 Sudden fear (5)
 - 17 Appealed to a divine being (6)
 - 19 Authorisation (3-2)
 - 20 Earthy yellow/brown pigment (5)
 - 24 Goal, aspiration (3)



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Method

Preheat the oven to 220C/200C fan/ gas 8. Line a large baking tray with grease proof paper. Place the drv chicken winas in a large bowl. Sprinkle over the rice flour or baking powder and mix well with your hands until the chicken wings are coated. Season well with salt and pepper. Spread the coated wings across the baking tray in a single layer. Bake for 20 mins. While the chicken is cooking, make the teriyaki glaze. Into a small pan add the soy sauce, garlic, ginger, sugar and 150ml water. Cook over a medium heat for 4-5 mins until the glaze is bubbling and slightly thickened. Mix two tbsp of the glaze with the cornflour,

then pour the mixture back into the pot, whisking continuously. Simmer for 2-3 mins until thickened. Squeeze in the lime juice. Remove the chicken from the oven at 20 minutes and tip them into a bowl. Reserve a few tablespoons of the glaze and pour the rest over the winas, making sure they're well coated. Spread them over the baking trav again and return to the oven for another 20 mins. When they're cooked, remove from the oven, top with the reserved glaze, then sprinkle with the lime zest, spring onions and chilli. Serve with fluffy jasmine rice.

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