

## Theale Primary School

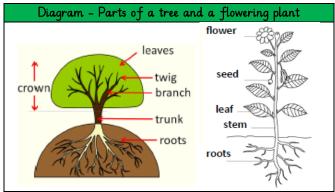


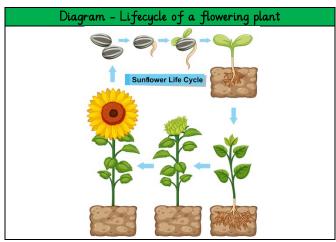
Topic: Plants Year: 2

Key Knowledge		
What conditions are needed for a seed to germinate?	<ul> <li>All seeds need water, oxygen and the correct temperature to germinate.</li> <li>Many seeds don't need light to germinate.</li> </ul>	
What do plants need to grow and stay healthy?	<ul> <li>Plants generally need         Light         Air         Water         Minerals         Space         In order to grow and stay healthy.</li> </ul>	
How do we set up a fair test?	<ul> <li>To make a test fair, we must only change one thing and keep everything else the same.</li> <li>For example, if we are testing the amount of water a plant needs, we have to use the same plant each time, the same soil, the same temperature.</li> </ul>	
How plants change through their life?	<ul> <li>The Lifecycle of a Plant.</li> <li>The plant starts life as a seed, which germinates and grows into a plant.</li> <li>The mature plant produces flowers, which are fertilised and produce seeds in a fruit or seedpod.</li> <li>The plant eventually dies, leaving seeds which germinate to produce new plants.</li> </ul>	

## Investigate

- Go on a plant/tree hunt. What do you notice about what they look like? What are their features? How do they change through the year?
- Plant seeds and watch them germinate. Record your observations in a diary. Compare the germination of those seeds with similar seeds where one of the conditions is different (no water, no light, no soil).
- Compare plants of the same species growing in different conditions (no water, no light, no soil, cold, smaller pot)
- Dissect a variety of **fruits** and locate where their **seeds** are.





Key Vocabulary	
Branches	Parts that grow out from the tree trunk and
	have leaves, flowers or fruit growing on them.
Bulb	An underground stem shaped like an onion that
	grows into a flower or plant.
Conditions	The amount of heat, water, light etc.
Flower	The part of a plant which is often brightly
	coloured and grows at the end of a stem.
Flowering	Trees or plants which produce flowers.
Fruit	Contains the seeds of the plant. Often covered by
	a substance that you can eat.
Germination	The stage of plant growth when the seed begins to
	sprout.
Leaf/ leaves	The parts of a tree or plant that are flat, thin
	and usually green.
Lifecycle	A series of changes that happens to all living
	things.
Petals	Thin coloured or white parts which form part of
	the flower.
Roots	The parts of a plant that grow under the ground
Seed	The small, hard part from which a new plant
	grows.
Stem	The thin, upright part of a plant on which the
	flowers and leaves grow.
Trunk	The large main stem of a tree from which the
	branches grow.