



Year group: Year 2, Autumn 1

Area/topic: Plants

(objectives from NC/ELG/Development matters)

Working scientifically:

- *Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways.
- *Observing closely, using simple equipment.
- *Performing simple tests.
- *Identifying and classifying.
- *Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.
- *Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.

Plants:

- *Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees (Year I, BI)
- *Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. (Year I, B2)
- *Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. (Year 2, B3)
- *Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. (Year 2, B4)

Living things & their habitats:

*Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. (FI)

Prior learning	Future learning
Plants:	Plants:
*Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including	*Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots,
deciduous and evergreen trees (Year 1)	stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. (Year 3)
*Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering	*Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water,
plants, including trees. (Year 1)	nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant.
*Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. (Year 2)	(Year 3)
	*Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. (Year 3)
Seasonal changes:	*Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including
*Observe changes across the four seasons (Year 1)	pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. (Year 3)
*Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length	
varies. (Year 1)	
Working scientifically & encouraging scientific enquiry	

Observing over time:

*Children will each plant their own seed to observe the growth over time; they will record this through drawing and writing or verbal explanation depending on

individual needs. Children will use simple equipment to measure the growth of their plant.

*Children will complete a comparative test as a class and observe what happens whilst recording what they notice

Comparative and fair testing

*As a class, children to complete a comparative test planting cress seeds which are placed in different conditions. Each pot of seeds will be place under a different condition, without sunlight/water/soil/suitable temperature. Children will use prior knowledge to predict the outcome of the test. Children will observe what happens to each pot and record data.

Identifying and classifying

*Children to identify and correctly name a variety of plants including flowering plants and trees.

Pattern seeking

*Children to keep a record of the measurement of a plant they grow from a seed. Children to compare how much the plant grows week on week and see if they notice any patterns. Children to also compare the growth of their own plant to others in the class and look for patterns in growth.

Research using secondary resources

- *Children to see and discuss images and photographs of different types of plants including flowers and trees.
- *Children to view labelled diagrams of plants including trees and flowers.
- *Using ID charts to support naming plants.

What pupils need to know or do to be secure		
Key knowledge and skills	Possible evidence	
*I can correctly name the parts of a plant and a tree and use the vocabulary roots, stem, petals, fruit, flower, seed,	There will be evidence of children meeting	
bulb, trunk, branch, leaves and bark (B2)	the 'I can' statements through:	
*I recognise each part of a plant has a job to do: (B2)	*Quotes taken from discussions.	
*I can identify and name a range of British trees, plants and flowers. (BI)	*Children can correctly use the key	
*I understand and can explain what a plant needs to grow, be healthy and survive including sunlight, water, soil,	vocabulary during lessons.	
air, space and a suitable temperature. (B4)	*Children recording through drawing.	
*I can explain why a plant needs water, light, soil, air, space and a suitable temperature. (B4)	*Children recording measurements of plant	
*I can plant a seed to observe, describe and explain how it grows into a plant. (B3)	growth and using suitable equipment to do	
$^*\mathrm{I}$ can keep a plant diary to record what is happening to a seed/bulb by drawing and writing descriptions using	this:	
scientific vocabulary. (B3)	*Photographs of children's learning.	
$^*\mathrm{I}$ can use equipment to measure the growth of a plant over time. (B3)	*Written explanations of understanding or	
*I can conduct a comparative experiment to investigate what would happen to a seed/bulb without	adult scribing a child's understanding	
water/light/soil/suitable temperature and record what happens. (B4)	depending on individual needs.	
$^*\mathrm{I}$ can make a prediction using my prior knowledge of how plants grow as well as the word 'because' to explain	*Children asking questions around plants:	
my prediction.		
$^*\mathrm{I}$ can explain my findings at the end of an experiment over time.		
*I can recognise and explain that a plant is alive and how I know. (B4 & FI)		
*I can name plants from different parts of the world. (BI)		

- $^*\mathrm{I}$ can compare plants from around the world and how they survive in different habitats. (B4)
- *I can explain the life cycle of a plant including how a plant begins and how it creates more plants. (B3)
- *I understand and can explain seed dispersal (B3)
- *I can explain that a plant is a living thing because it can breathe, grow and reproduce. (B4 & FI)

Key vocabulary

Life cycle, roots, stem, petals, fruit, flower, seed, bulb, trunk, branch, leaves, bark, shoot, seedling, germination, pollinate/pollination, pollen, survival, disperse/dispersal, air, nutrients, temperature, thermometer, fertilisation, photosynthesis, comparative experiment, fair test, oxygen, carbon dioxide, healthy.

Common misconceptions	Books linking to this area
*Children may think that plants are not living, as they cannot be seen to move,	*The tiny seed by Eric Carle
eat, drink etc.	*The magic and mystery of trees by Jen Green
*Seeds are not alive.	*A seed is sleepy by Dianna Hutts Aston
*Children may believe that all plants begin as seeds.	*Bloom by Anne Booth and Robyn Owen Wilson
*Children may think that all seeds and bulbs need to sunlight to germinate.	*Look and wonder: The amazing plant life cycle story by Kay Barnham
*Children may think plants only grow when a seed/bulb is planted by a person.	*Eddie's garden and how to make things grow by Sarah Garland
	*Life cycles, acom to oak tree
	*The amazing life cycle of plants by Kay Barnham
Memorable first hand experiences	Opportunities for communication
*Observing trees and plants in the outdoor area.	*Children to be given opportunities for communication with partners, groups and
*Comparative experiment planting the same type of seed in different conditions	whole class to discuss as completing practical activities and also to share
to see what will happen to each without one thing it needs for survival.	findings.
*Each child planting and growing beans and keeping a diary of this.	
*Making paper sycamore seeds to take outside and observe what happens when	*Children to compare with one another the growth of their beans and to share
dropped. (Understanding seed dispersal).	with children in the other class.
*Using magnifying glasses to observe flowers and find where the seeds are.	*Through the use of Explorify,

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Reasonable adjustments for pupils with SEND

Communication and Interaction

- *Visual aids, pictures of equipment with words labelled, word mats with pictures for key words in that lesson.
- *Freedom to explore scientific equipment and investigate in own way.

 *Hands on experiences to encourage communication and interaction with others.

 *Pre teaching any new vocabulary.

Cognition and Learning

- *Opportunity for lots of hands on exploration and verbally sharing thoughts and ideas:
 - *Freedom to explore scientific equipment and processes.

 *Pre teaching new vocabulary or concepts.
 - *Activities adapted if needed for safety and ease.
- *Visual aids, pictures of equipment, mats with key words and pictures
 *Learning recorded through photos and adult quotes, children not expected to write
 for recording their understanding.
 - *Using working walls to aid learning and remind of previous learning.

Social, Emotional and Mental health

- *Awareness of individual needs, any potential triggers within the curriculum and the child's background.
- *Pre prepare children for any activity they could find triggering or difficult in some way.
- *Practical activities or experiments to be completed within a smaller group or 1:1 if
- *If the class are sharing their learning within a large group, take the child in a smaller focus group if they struggle with social situations:
 - *Adjustments made where needed to suit individual.

Sensory and Physical

- *Adult support with any practical activities.
- *Awareness of the individual's likes or dislikes and their own reactions to sensory activities.
- *If a child enjoys sensory activities, then plan for this wherever possible within the lesson.