

Science Focus: Plants Year Group: 1 Summer Term

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Key Knowledge:

Overview	
Plants	A living thing that usually grows from the ground.Plants can grow.
The main parts of a plant.	FlowersLeavesStem/ trunkRoots
Plants	
Garden plants.	 People grow and care for plants in their garden. They may grow flowering plants to look beautiful or grow plants for food.
Wild plants.	 A wild plant will grow by itself. It does not need to be cared for. If it grows somewhere unwanted, it may be a weed.
Trees	
Deciduous trees.	Deciduous trees lose their leaves in Autumn every year. Their leaves are mostly broad and flat. Oak Deciduous Grows acoms
	Horse Chestnut Deciduous Grows conkers
Evergreen trees.	 Evergreen trees have leaves all year round. Their leaves are mostly thick, waxy and narrow like needles.

Possible Experiments:

- Grow own plants and record changes in a diary.
- Go on plant hunt. Create a tally chart to show how many of each plant you have found.

Evergreen Grows pine cones

- Go on a tree hunt around school/ the local areawhat types of tree and how many can you find.
- Find ways to prove plants are alive.
- Change the colours of flowers using different coloured water to feed them.

Key Vocabulary: a living thing that grows in the plants earth and has a stem, leaves and roots. a tall plant that has a hard **trunk**. tree branches and leaves. wild plants A wild plant seed grows where it falls. It doesn't need to be planted or cared for as it grows. garden plants Garden plants are plants that people choose to grow in their gardens. weed Weeds are wild plants that grow in places where people don't want them and prevent other plants from growing properly. deciduous A deciduous tree loses its leaves each year. An **evergreen** tree loses its leaves evergreen each year. **Roots** take in water and nutrients roots from the soil. The **stem** holds the plant up and stem carries the water and nutrients from the *roots* to the *leaves* and flowers. Leaves catch sunlight to make leaf/leaves energy. Flowers attract insects and birds. flowers Petals are the colourful part of petals the flower. Seeds grow into new plants. seed Fruit sometimes contains the fruit plant's seeds. Sometimes humans try to grow fruit without seeds because it is easier to eat. bulb **Bulbs** grow into new plants. the large main **stem** of a tree trunk from which the branches grow. branches Part of a tree that grows from the trunk. They have leaves, flowers or fruit growing on them.

