

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

**PLANTS**

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Plants have a clear life cycle that helps them to keep reproducing:

Seeds/bulbs – Plants begin life as seeds or bulbs. They need soil, air and water to grow.

Seedling – Plants grow into young plants. They now need light, temperature, water, space and time to keep growing.

Flowering/Fruit – Plants grow flowers and fruits. These produce seeds. When the plant dies or is pollinated, the seeds find their way to the soil. The process starts again!

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| **What you should already know…** |  | **Growth from Seeds/Bulbs into Mature Plants** |
|  -Plants are a large group of living things that use sunlight to make their own food.-There are many, many different kinds of plants, including trees, vines and grasses.-Plants have lots of different parts, for example stems, leaves and roots.-Some trees lose their leaves in the winter (deciduous). Some keep their leaves through the year (evergreen).-Some plants are ‘flowering plants’ – they grow flowers on them.  |  |  |  | -Germination is the name for when a plant starts to grow. A plant is germinating when its seed begins to sprout.-Inside a seed/bulb is the baby plant (an embryo). Seeds have a tough layer on the outside to protect the plant (the seed coat).-Seeds and bulbs do not need sunlight in order to grow. They already have their own food store inside them!-However, they do need the right conditions to grow. Normally, they need water, air and the right temperature. This can often be found in well-watered soil!  |  |
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| **What Plants Need to Grow** |  |
| Water and NutrientsLike animals and humans, plants need water and nutrients to survive.-Plants are able to get water from the soil through their roots.-They can also catch water on their leaves. |  Light Plants need lots of sunlight to help them grow.-Plants do not eat food. They instead use sunlight to make their own food. -Too little light will leave plants weak. |  |  |  |  |
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| Plant Life Cycle |
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| Temperature-Plants need the temperature to be just right for them to grow properly.-If it is too hot, they may burn and wilt. If it is too cold, they may freeze and die. This is why there are less plants at the poles and the deserts. |  Space and Time-Plants need room for their roots and stems to be able to grow. Without enough room, they may not grow large enough. -Plants also need time – it can take days, months or even years for them to grow. |  |  |  |  |
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Taller Plants

Smaller Plants

Dandelion – about 25 centimetres

Dwarf Evergreen Shrub – about 1 metre

Sunflower – 1-3 metres

Titan Arum Flower – up to 3.5 metres

Spruce (Christmas Tree) – up to 30 metres

Giant Redwood Tree – 100 metres +