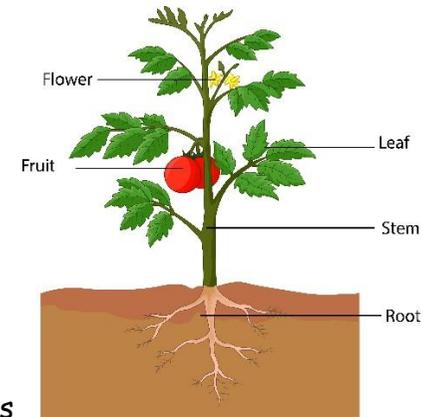


Summer 1 2026: The Big Question: How does a garden grow? Are Plants Alive?

This term we will be exploring the natural world around us, in the classroom, outdoors through gardening experiences.



The children will be provided opportunities to explore seeds, plants, growth and life cycles



We will learn about how we grow: Keeping fit, eating and drinking healthily.

Key Vocabulary

Grow- how something develops

Plant - a living thing that grows in the earth

Roots - take in the water and food from the soil

Leaves - catch sunlight to make energy

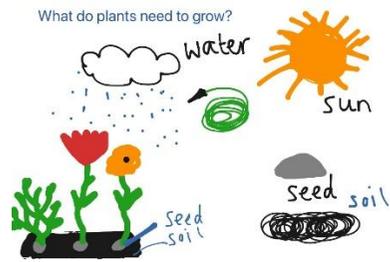
Flower - attract birds and insects

Stem - holds the plant up and carries the

Water to the flower and leaves

Seeds - grow into new plants

We will find out:



What do plants need to grow?

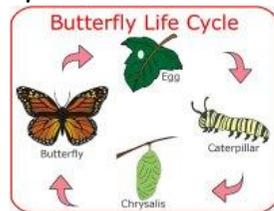


What do you notice?

How has the plant changed over time? Why does a plant have roots?

We will also find out:

What is a minibeast? What do they look like? Where do they live? What do they eat? What is the life cycle of a butterfly? linked with the story The



Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

Activities you can do at home:

Minibeast hunt in your garden. - Planting seeds - Go on a walk in your local area and spot the signs of spring.

Home learning summer term 1:

Home learning is due in Wednesday 20th May 2026 choose 1 of the activities below or your own home linked with this term's theme of growing.

Ideas for home learning are:



Pebble painting:

Can you turn plain pebbles into a minibeast to put in our Ladybirds outdoor area?

Paint your pebbles then add finer details using a marker or small paintbrush and leave them to dry.

Please add a coat of varnish to the pebble before bringing it into school.

Recycled minibeast:

Can your child go hunting for minibeasts and then help your child create their own minibeast by recycling small reclaimed materials?



They can paint their creation and add string or wool so that they can be hung up under our shelter.

Outdoor Art:

Using natural materials try creating bug and flower pictures using sticks, leaves, flowers or stones. When your child has finished their



art please send a picture in via Tapestry and I will print it off for the home learning table.

Build a Bug Hotel:

Using natural materials such as twigs, leaves, and stones, encourage children to create their very own minibeast mansion!

This activity can teach children about insect habitats and the importance of biodiversity. Please send a picture in via Tapestry and I will print it off for the home learning table

To build a bug hotel, collect lots of natural materials.



Below is a selection you can choose from and may find in your garden or local green space.

- Straw, dry leaves, moss
- Old terracotta pots, old roofing tiles, bricks with holes through them
- Old logs, bark, pinecones, soil etc.

Grow plants from seeds:



There are many different plants:

Plants you can eat: There is research to suggest that when children grow their own vegetables, it's easier to get leafy greens on their dinner plates. Peas, lettuce and baby tomatoes are all perfect choices to grow.

Plants that attract butterflies: Nasturtium flowers or sunflowers are two examples of beautiful, easy-to-grow flowers that will bring butterflies over to your garden. In the spring and summer, it's a great way to talk about how these little pollinators help your flowers and vegetables grow.

Can you take pictures of the process of planting a seed to it starting to grow and send them in via Tapestry for us to print off for the home learning table.

Thank you for reading this knowledge organiser to support your child with their learning.

Please remember to share all your child's activities / learning on Tapestry and look at what your child has been doing each week on their personal learning journey (see Tapestry).

