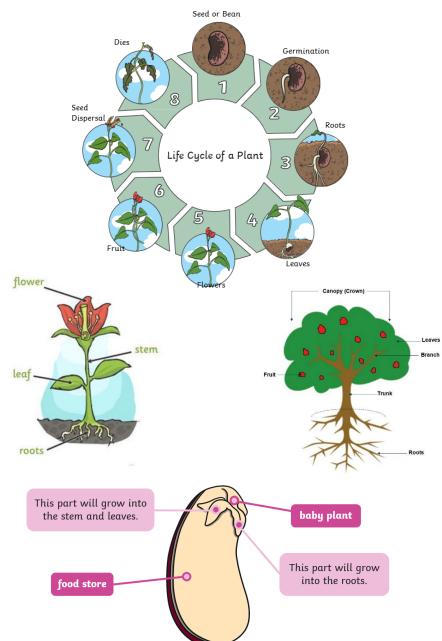


Year 2 Science - Plants



What do plants need to survive?

Plants need things such as water, warmth, nutrients from soil and light to grow. If they do not have one or more of these things, they may stop growing.

Plants can: move, grow, react to their surroundings (sense), absorb nutrients and reproduce. Therefore, they are living.

David Douglas

David Douglas was a Scottish botanist, best known as the namesake of the Douglas fir. He worked as a gardener, and explored the Scottish Highlands, North America, and Hawaii, where he died.

Key Vocabulary	·
branches	parts that grow out from the tree trunk and have leaves, flowers, or fruit growing on them
bulb	a root shaped like an onion that grows into a flower or plant
crop	plants such as wheat and potatoes that are grown in large quantities for food
flower	the part of a plant which is often brightly coloured and grows at the end of a stem
leaf / leaves	the parts of a tree or plant that are flat, thin, and usually green
nutrients	substances that help plants and animals to grow
Reproduce	when an animal or plant produces one or more individuals similar to itself
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 from which the branches grow
germination	When the conditions are right, the seed soaks up water and swells, and the tiny new plant bursts out of its shell. This is called germination .
shoot	A shoot grows upwards from the seed or plant to find sunlight.
seed dispersal	Seed dispersal is when the seeds move away from the parent plant. They can drop to the ground in the plant's fruit or be moved by the wind or animals.