

Threshold Milestones This concept involves becoming familiar with different types of plants, their structure and reproduction.	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
 Identify and name a variety of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees and those classified as deciduous and evergreen. Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. LKS2 Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem, leaves and flowers. Explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant. 	 Flowering plants have a root, stem, leaves and a flower Trees can be deciduous which means Trees can be evergreen which means Trees and plants have roots, stems and leaves but plants have a softer stem Trees are made of roots, trunk, branches and leaves. Grasses and ferns consist entirely of leaves. In Autumn, the leaves on deciduous trees change colour, fruits and nuts fall to the ground. Farmers can harvest the crops. In Spring, birds sing, trees produce leaves and flowers blossom and the landscape changes 	Plants can grow from seed or bulbs Seeds and bulbs germinate and grow into seedlings Seedlings grow into mature plants Plants need light, water, space, suitable temperature in order to grow Some plants grow best in full sun Some plants grow best in the shade Some plants need lots of water Some plants don't need much water Some plants grow quicker than others.	 Plants contain roots for Plants contain a stem/ trunk which Plants contain flowers which contain the stamen, carpel, petal, ovule, sepal and stem Plants need light, water, space, suitable temperature in order to grow The level of nutrients required depends on the type of plant Insects like bees and wasps transfer the pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part of other flowers Seeds can also be dispersed by wind, animal fur, animals eating them (and excreting them), in water and if the seed pod explodes The roots absorb water from the soil, the stem transports it to the leaves, water evaporates from the leaves which causes more water to be absorbed from the soil

Progression of skills



 Investigate the way in which 		
water is transported within		
plants.		
• Explore the role of flowers in the		
life cycle of flowering plants,		
including pollination,		
seed formation and seed		
dispersal.		
• KS2		
Relate knowledge of plants		
to studies of evolution		
and inheritance.		
• • Relate knowledge of plants		
to studies of all living things.		

Progression to KS3 Year 7 and 8 - detailed on plants / trust science sheets

Links from Early Years detailed in Reception Development Matters Termly Planning Document