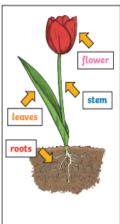
Spring - How Plants Grow

Key Vocabulary	
roots	These anchor the plant into the ground and absorb water and nutrients from the soil.
stem	This holds the plant up and carries water and nutrients from the soil to the leaves. A trunk is the stem of a tree.
leaves	These make food for the plant using sunlight and carbon dioxide from the air.
flowers	These make seeds to grow into new plants. Their petals attract pollinators to the plant.
nutrients	These substances are needed by living things to grow and survive. Plants get nutrients from the soil and also make their own food in their leaves.
evaporation	When a liquid turns into a gas.







How Water Moves through a Plant

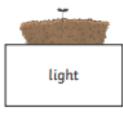
- The roots absorb water from the soil.
- The stem transports water to the leaves.
- Water evaporates from the leaves.
- This evaporation causes more water to be sucked up the stem.



The water is sucked up the stem like water being sucked up through a straw.

What Does a Plant Need to Grow?







food and nutrients from the soil



air



room to grow

Different plants vary in how much of these things they need. For example, cacti can survive in areas with little water, whereas water lilies need to live in water.

Did you know?

There are more than 60,000 species of tree in the World!

Some Common Trees in the UK

Alder, Beech, Silver birch, English Oak, Ash, Holly