

Dear Early Years,

Thank you for continuing to engage in, and upload so much interesting, creative and collaborative learning across the curriculum. We are very proud of your continued efforts which is not easy to sustain over such a long period. The persistence and resilience which you demonstrate will certainly support your transition to Year 1.

Have a look at the final video I have uploaded for you, titled 'Spread Your Wings and Fly Reception Transition'. Share your thoughts about moving to Year 1 with us at school, and of course your family, and friends at home. Try to use some of the new vocabulary included in the video, and shared in class, to explain yourself when talking about your transition. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-S7tTmUsTfk&t=4s>

Phonics and Reading: Read this 'Memory Page' with an adult, using your phonic and tricky word knowledge. Next, either create a replica of this using the same headings, or make your own memory page for our year in Nursery or Reception. Keep this safe until we return in September, and can share your learning; I would love to read about your funniest memories of our year together! I do have a few of my own...!

My School Year Memory Page



This is me!

Greatest school trip

Favourite book I have read

My teacher

Best outdoor classroom activity

Best classroom activity

Funniest memory

New friends








Next, have a go at reading the information below. Lots of you can now read this independently but remember to ask an adult to share the reading if you get stuck! Perhaps you could then try to answer the comprehension questions on the second sheet. Remember, first think of what you want to write in answer to the question, and say it aloud. Use a capital letter to start your sentence and a full stop, or exclamation mark of course, to end it. Use finger spaces in between your words. Read your sentence out aloud once you have written it to check it makes sense! If you make a 'mistake' there is no need to worry; we don't worry in class remember! Just put a little line through whatever you want to write again, and continue!

Sunflower Plant Life Cycle

Sunflowers are a type of flowering plant. There are around 60 different types of sunflower!

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What happens during the first stage?

Seed and Germinating Seed

The seed is planted in soil or compost in spring.

The seeds have a hard coat.

They are black and white striped or just black.

The seed begins to sprout roots after 1-2 weeks.

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What happens during the second stage?

Seedling and Shoot

A seedling grows and a few leaves appear on the stem.

Roots grow underground.

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What happens during the third stage?

Bud and Bloom

The plant grows taller and stronger, towards the sun.

After 30 days, the bud forms.

The flower head opens.

After around 90 days, the sunflower will be fully grown.

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What happens during the fourth stage?

Wilt and Regrowth

The flower petals will start to wilt and the plant dies.

The flower shrivels and the seeds from its head fall.

Some of the seeds settle in the ground and begin the new sunflower's life cycle.

Questions about the Sunflower

1. What are sunflowers?

2. How many different types are there?

3. Name a colour that sunflowers can be.

4. What is the seed planted in?

5. When is the sunflower seed planted?

6. What colour are the seeds?

7. What grows underground?

8. What does the plant grow towards?

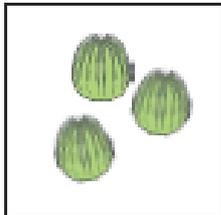
9. What happens after the flower petals start to wilt?

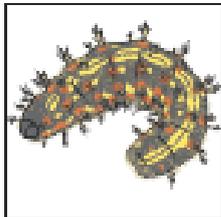
Phonics and Writing: Can you write about the life cycle of a butterfly using the vocabulary below to help you?

Life Cycle of a Butterfly Writing Activity

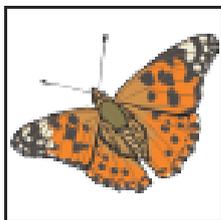
Write a sentence about each part of the life cycle of a butterfly.
Use the boxes at the top to help you.

 eggs	 leaf
 caterpillar	 butterfly
	 chrysalis
	 sound it out
	 finger spaces
	 full stop









Maths: Nursery, count how many minibeasts there are in each set and record this using pictures! Reception, use both sheets to find the addition totals!

Minibeast I Spy and Add to 20



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Count the number of each type of minibeast picture needed in the addition number sentence. Write the numbers in the boxes to create and solve an addition number sentence.



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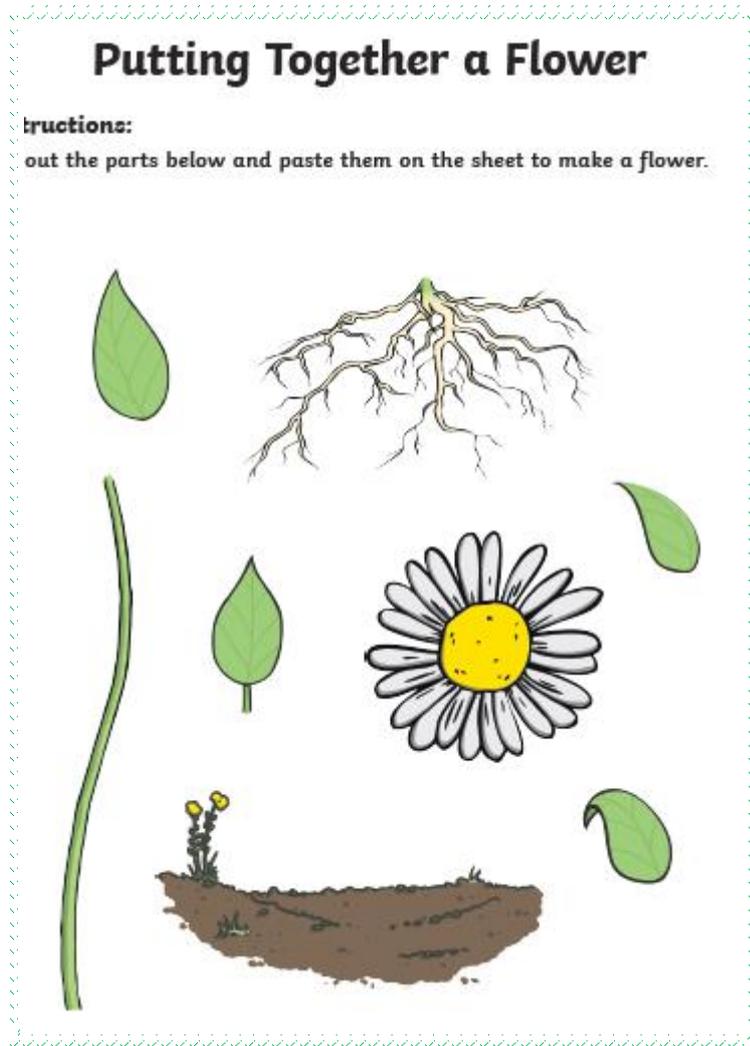
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This is the latest photo of my sunflowers, and a reminder of how tall Freya's grew! Can you notice any differences? Hmmm...!

My shortest plant is now 115cms, and the tallest, 125cms. I have most definitely not beaten Freya's record of 390cms! Have you? Can anyone work out how much taller Freya's plant is than mine? Measure carefully, and either post a picture on twitter or email your learning to us!

Understanding the World; Science and Topic: Can you use the pictures below, or draw your own of course, to create a flower? Maybe you could draw your sunflower and label all the different parts of the plant!



Reception children have now met the Year 1 Team, whom we know already of course, and have visited the classroom. Lots of us were able to ask, and answer, very thoughtful questions regarding our move to Year 1, and the new environment. Nursery children have spent time with me in the Reception area of the setting, and are very used to the Early Years Team, having spent much time with us playing, talking and learning throughout the year! Please do not hesitate to come for a chat should you have any questions, or concerns regarding your child's transition in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Clarke