#### **Science Project Overview Year 1 Plants**

## Subject Knowledge (PoS) Substantive Knowledge

- There is a variety of common wild and garden plants.
- Trees can be deciduous and evergreen.
- Common flowering plants, including trees have a basic structure consisting of root, stem, leaves and flower.

# Working Scientifically (PoS+Overview) Disciplinary Knowledge

- Be curious and ask questions
- Using different types of scientific enquiry to answer their own questions, including: observing changes over a period of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out simple comparative tests, and finding things out using secondary sources
- Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- Observing closely, using simple equipment
- Performing simple tests
- Identifying and classifying
- Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
- Begin to use simple scientific language to talk about what they have found out and communicate their ideas to a range of audiences in a variety of ways.

## **Working Scientifically Methods (Must be done)**

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#### Previous learning:

From Development Matters Reception Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.

Explore the natural world around them.

Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live.

Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

### **Preparing for:**

- Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. (Y2 - Plants)
- Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. (Y2 - Plants)
- Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. (Y2 - Living things and their habitats)
- Identify and describe the functions of different

# Bespoke to our school:

The school has a woodland on the site and children have the opportunities to go outside and name plants and identify trees. Some of our families may not have experienced these opportunities.

- parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. (Y3 Plants)
- 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. (Y3 - Plants)
- Investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. (Y3 Plants)
- Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. (Y3 Plants)

#### Vocabulary:

Leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, bud Names of trees in the local area

Names of garden and wild flowering plants in the local area

#### Misconceptions:

Plants are flowering plants grown in pots with coloured petals and leaves and a stem

Trees are not plants

All leaves are green

All stems are green

A trunk is not a stem

Blossom is not a flower

### **English Links:**

Instructions – how to plant a bean.

Diary – Bean diary.

#### **Books:**

Jack and the Beanstalk

#### Maths links:

Measurement: Solve practical problems for length and height; mass/weight; capacity and volume

Use measuring skills to record lengths and heights; mass/weight; capacity and volume;

Use appropriate language to sequence events in a chronological order

# **Explorify links:**

Rich pickings

**Spring flowers** 

**Shooting sprouts** 

Types of apple

Winter scenes

**Brown and sticky** 

Timewarp plants

Types of leaves

Brill gills

Curious crown

Do you need big seeds to grow big plants?

What if plants could move from one place to another?

## Possible careers/jobs:

Park ranger (maintains parks

Farmer (grows crops and raises animals for food)

Gardener (creates and maintains gardens and green spaces)

Tree surgeon (plants, maintains and manages trees

Forester (works to deliver wood products to the market)