St John's Primary School: Science knowledge organisers

Year group: Year 3
Science focus: Plants



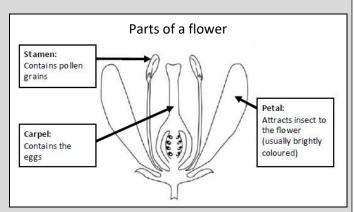
Key knowledge:

How each part of the plant functions		
The main parts	Roots	
of a plant	• Stem	
	• Leaves	
	• Flowers	
Roots	Holds the plant in the ground and	
	soaks up water and minerals from	
	the soil.	
Stem	Holds the plant up and carries the	
	water from the roots to the rest of	
	the plant.	
Leaves	Changes carbon dioxide and water	
	into food and oxygen for the plant.	
Flowers	Have colour and small to attract	
	insects.	
Some plants	Fruit is the part of the plant we	
have fruit	often eat but its main job is to keep	
	the ned seeds safe.	
	How plats grow	
Plants need to	So that they can make their own	
following to	food:	
grow and	• Light	
survive	• Water	
	Carbon dioxide	
	So that they can maintain a good	
	temperature:	
	Warmth	
The importance of flowers		
The job of the	Contains pollen and eggs needed to	
flower	make seeds.	
	Seeds grown into new plants.	
Pollen gets	Pollen gets stuck onto the insect in	
from one plant	one flower then visits another	
to another in	flower and the pollen gets left	
the following	behind.	
ways	Pollen is blown in the wind from	
	one flower to another flower.	
Seed dispersal	By wind	
Seed dispersal can happen in	•	
-	By windBy animals (in their poo)By explosion (seed pods)	

Key vocabulary:

Fertilisation	When pollen and an egg join together
	to make a seed
Petal	Usually bright in colour. Attracts
	insects to the flower
Stamen	The male part of the flower that
	contain pollen
Carpel	That female part of the flower that
	contains eggs
Pollen	A powdery, yellow substance from the
	male part of the flower
Nectar	A sweet fluid in flowers that attracts
	insects
Dispersal	Spreading over a wide area

Diagrams:



Key concepts:

Identifying	Exploring	
Describing	Investigating	
Comparing	Observing	

Possible experiences:

Use ink or food colouring to explore how water is transported around the plant.

Compare factors that affect plant growth e.g. amount of light or amount of water.

Investigate ways to speed up pollination e.g. salt. Investigate fruit and try to grow own fruit plants from the seeds.