



TREEHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Week Six

This week, we will be learning about Growing.

This week's activities:

Leaf picture

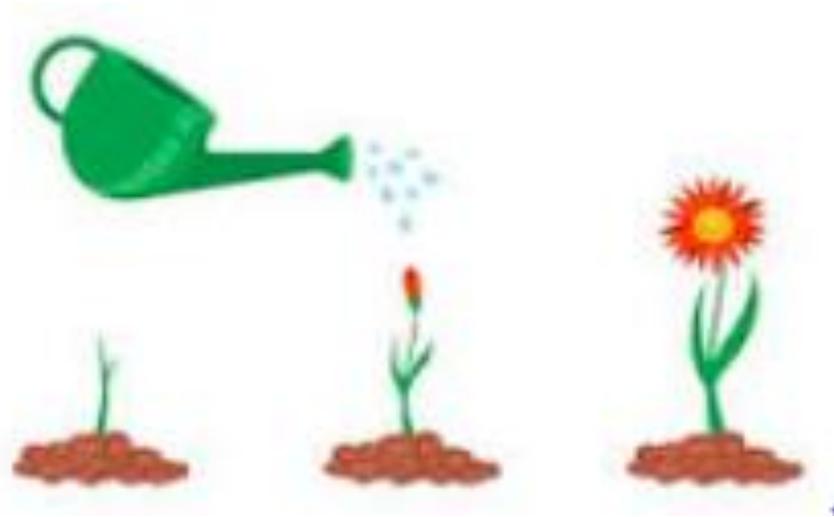
Leaf threading

Matching seeds and plants

Plant growth sequencing

Grow a sunflower

Practicing cutting skills



Make a leaf picture

If you have a garden or are able to go on a walk, gather sticks, leaves, twigs and flowers and make your own leaf picture or collage! You can either create your artwork outside, or use glue to stick it on to a piece of paper.

Talk about what you can see, what the leaves/twigs feel like and what your picture is of!



Leaf threading

Resources

- . Hole punchers – standard classroom hole punchers and craft punchers with different shapes
- . Brightly coloured threads in different sizes, from 30 cm to 1m
- . Rug
- . Sticks around 1m in length.

Introduction

Take the children outside to an area that has abundant amount of shrubs, and leaves. Look at the leaves of each of the trees and choose an area outside to work.



Activity

Choose a few leaves for each child and sit together on the blanket. Supervising the children, allow the children to punch holes in the leaves and suggest patterns to them. Pre prepare some examples if needed, some with holes punched around the outside, some with holes punched in shapes.

Offer the children the threads and strings and allow them to thread the leaves together. If needed, support them in either tying knots to secure each leaf. Allow the children to play with their lengths of leaves and thread.

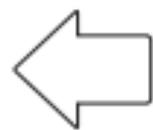
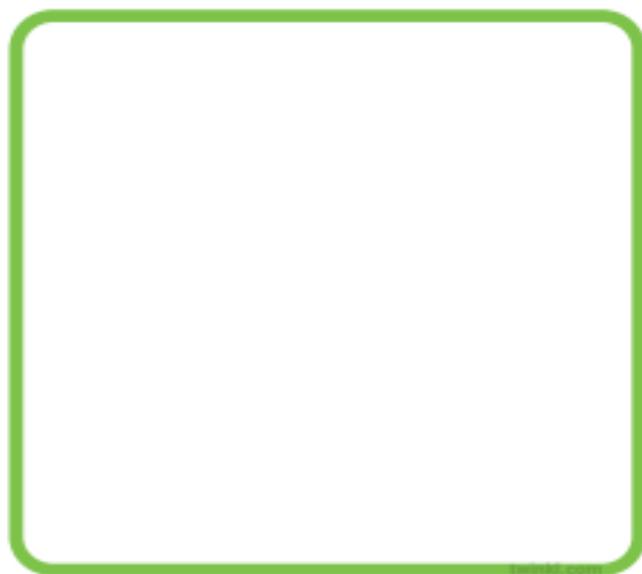
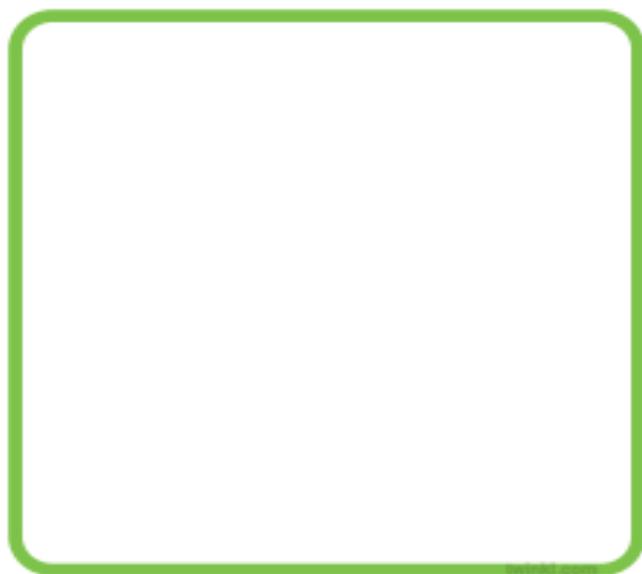
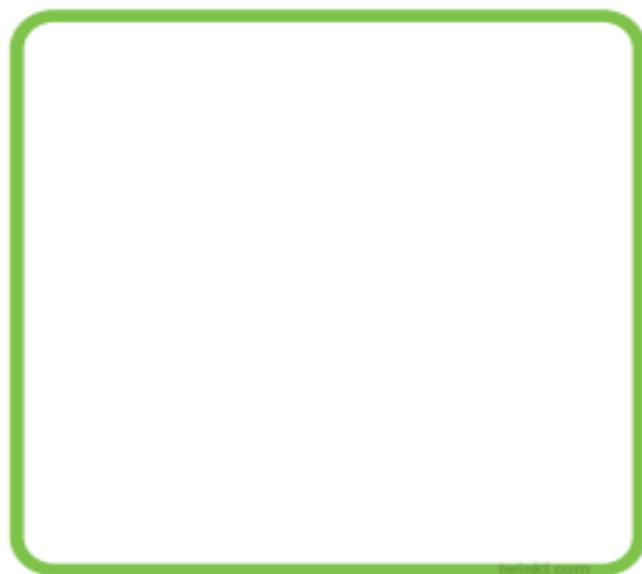


Plant Growth sequencing

Watch this [Get Growing video](#). Look at the six pictures [here](#) and talk about what each one shows. Then cut them out and try and put them in the correct order on the sequencing sheet found [here](#).



Fruit Plant Growth Sequencing





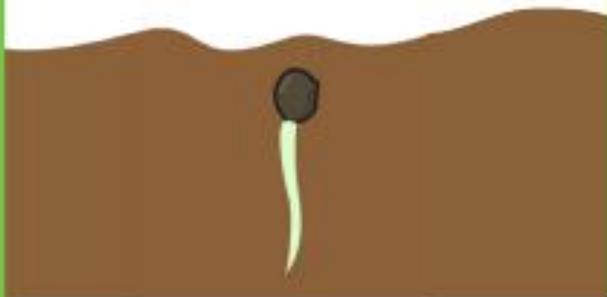
Fill the plant pot
with soil.



Plant the seeds
into the soil.



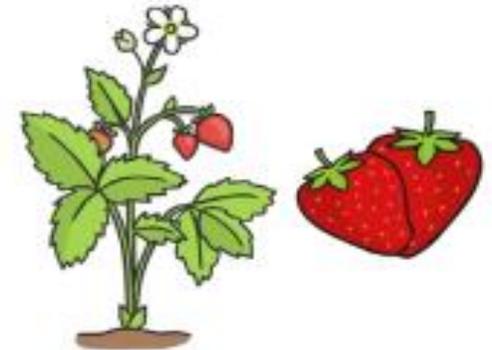
Using a watering can,
water the seeds.



The seeds begin to
sprout and grow.



The plant grows and
begins to flower.



Fruit then grows
on the plant

Grow your own sunflower

Watch Topsy and Tim [planting sunflower seeds](#) and have a go yourself if you can!

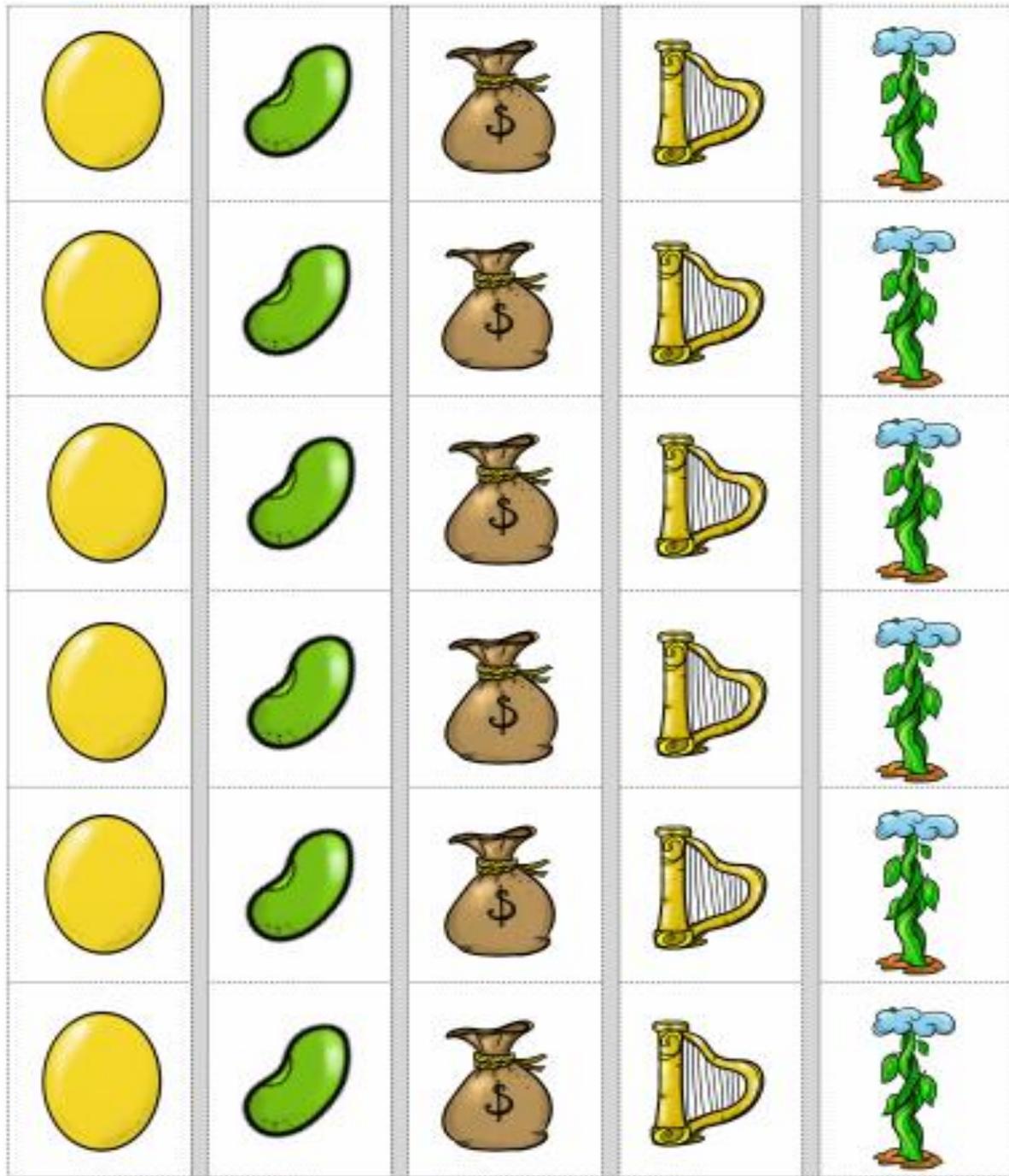
Fill little plant pots with compost and plant two or three sunflowerseeds in each pot. Cover with a little extra compost and water them.

Place them on a window sill, in a greenhouse, or outdoors and keep watering a little everyday or so. You should see the seedlings appear in about a week.

When your seedlings are around 10-15cm tall, and with a stem that's beginning to look a little sturdier, you can re-plant them out doors.

Choose the strongest looking plant from each pot and plant it out in a sunny spot.





Cut along the shaded lines to create 6 strips. Then cut between the shaded areas. You can then find all the matching pictures or make patterns using the pictures!

I'd love to see photos or videos of the work you have been doing this week!

Please email them to me at:

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