Science Vocabulary and definitions.

Plants



A slender, thin-leaved, deciduous, hardwood tree
An underground bud or stem of a seed plant at
resting stage
Plants with bright yellow blossoms that turn into
round, fluffy seed heads
Means 'to fall off' and refers to how a plant or tree's
leaves fall off in the autumn
Plants that never lose their leaves – they 'stay green'
all year long
The bloom or blossom of a plant. The flower is the
part of a plant that produces seeds
A large tree with leaves divided into fingerlike parts
and large flower clusters
Part of the plant attached to a stem. They collect
sunlight, which they can turn into energy (food)
A large tree which has acorns
Part of a plant which attaches itself to the ground or
to a support, typically underground, conveying water
and nourishment to the rest of the plant via
numerous branches and fibres
A shrub that produces roses
Small parts produced by plants from which new
plants grow
The main structure that supports leaves and flowers
Usually a tall plant with large flower heads with
yellow ray flowers
The main woody stem of a tree

Year 2	
Absorb	Of energy or another substance taken or soaked up
Air	A tasteless, odourless, and invisible mix of gases that
	are primarily made up of oxygen and nitrogen
Bulb	An underground bud or stem of a seed plant at
	resting stage
Dead	No longer alive
Germinated	The process of seeds developing into new plants
Light	Is an energy source which travels in waves
Mature	(of plants) Physically grown up
Nutrients	Important substance you get from food that helps
	the body survive and grow
Reproduce	To produce offspring
Roots	Part of a plant which attaches itself to the ground or
	to a support, typically underground, conveying water
	and nourishment to the rest of the plant via
	numerous branches and fibres
Seeds	Small parts produced by plants from which new
	plants grow
Water	Liquid that makes all life on Earth possible

Year 3	
Anther	Part of the stamen of a flower that
	produces and contains pollen
Carbon dioxide	A gas produced from breathing and
	from burning certain substances
Evaporates	When a liquid changes into a gas
Evaporation	A process where liquids change to a
	gas or vapor
minerals	A nutrient that is needed in small
	amounts to keep the body healthy
Ovary	The reproductive organ of a flower
Petal	Surround the reproductive parts of a
	flower. Often brightly coloured or
	unusually shaped to attract
	pollinators

Pollen	A fine powder produced by certain plants when they reproduce
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Pollinated	The act of transferring pollen grains
	from the male anther of a flower to
	the female stigma
Reproduce	Flowering plants creating seeds
Soil	The top layer of the Earth's surface in
	which plants grow
Stamen	The pollen producing part of a flower
Stigma	Part of the female reproduction of a
	flower. Often sits on top of the ovary
	and holds the style up to receive
	pollen
Style	A long, slender stalk that often
	connects the ovary and the stigma
Sunlight	Light from the sun
Transport	To take or carry from one place to the
	other
Water	Liquid that makes all life on earth
	possible

Year 5	
Adult	Fully grown or developed
Amphibians	A cold-blooded vertebrate animal
Anther	Part of the stamen of a flower that
	produces and contains pollen
Caterpillars	The larva of a butterfly or moth,
	which has a segmented wormlike
	body
Chrysalis	The hard outer case enclosing
	transformation of some insects
	between the immature and mature
	stages
Dispersal	Where a plant ensures its seeds are
	spread as far as possible to ensure
	their survival
Eggs	The female reproductive cell

Embryo	The name given to an unborn baby from the time of fertilisation until 8 weeks of development
Fertilisation	The joining of an egg and sperm cell
Filament	The part of a flower's stamen which
	supports the anther and often holds
	it up to make pollination easier
Flower	The bloom or blossom of a plant. The
	flower is the part of a plant that
	produces seeds
Germination	When a seed begins to sprout
Grubs	A thick wormlike larva of an insect
Larva	The young of an animal which must
	undergo great physical changes
	before they become adults
Leaves	Part of the plant attached to a stem.
	They collect sunlight, which they can
	turn into energy (food)
Maggots	A soft body legless larva of a fly
Mature	Fully grown or developed: adult, ripe
Maturity	State of being fully developed or
	adult
Metamorphosis	A dramatic change that some animals
	and insects go through during their
	life cycles
Nutrients	Important substance you get from
	food that helps the body survive and
	grow
Ovule	The organ that forms the seeds of
	flowering plants
Petal	Surround the reproductive parts of a
	flower. Often brightly coloured or
	unusually shaped to attract
	pollinators
Pistil	The female reproductive part of the
	flower. Contains the 3 main parts, the
	stigma, style and ovary
Pollen	A find powder produced by certain
	plants when they reproduce

Pollination	The act of transferring pollen grains from the male anther of a flower to
	the female stigma
Reproduce	To produce a copy of
Roots	Part of a plant which attaches itself to
	the ground or to a support, typically
	underground, conveying water and
	nourishment to the rest of the plant
	via numerous branches and fibres
Spawn	The mass of small eggs laid by
	animals like fish, frogs and molluscs
Stamen	The pollen producing part of a flower
Stem	The main structure that supports
	leaves and flowers
Tadpoles	The larva of a frog or toad
Vegetation	Refers to all plants a trees collectively
Warm-blooded	Animals which maintain a constant
	body temperature