SEEDS

Seeds are a plant's way of reproducing.





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Inside A Seed

Read this... then copy it into your book. Seeds look dry and lifeless. But inside each seed is a tiny, living plant - just waiting for a chance to grow into an adult plant with roots, stem, leaves and flowers.

Collect a bean seed from your teacher. (If possible, a seed that has been soaked in water.)

Peel off the seed coat.

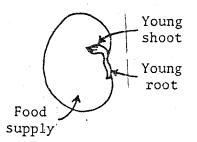
You should now be able to separate the 2 halves of the seed.

Can you find the tiny plant? It is really no more than a very small root and a small shoot. All the rest of the seed is the food supply that the tiny plant will use when it starts to grow.

Draw a diagram of your bean seed to show the young plant. Label your diagram.

Seeds come in many different shapes and sizes.

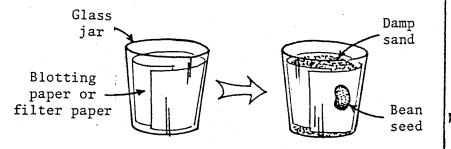
You may like to collect some seeds and glue (or sellotape) them into your book or onto a chart.



Seed To Plant

Let's try growing a bean seed.

These drawings show how you can do this.



- Put the jar in a warm place. Check the seed each day (if you can). Keep the sand damp, but not too wet.
- In your book:
 - Write the heading HOW A SEED GROWS.
 - Draw a series of diagrams (1 diagram every 2 or 3 days) to show how your bean seed grew.

When you have finished with your young bean, you could plant it outside in a garden.

With luck, you will end up with beans to eat!

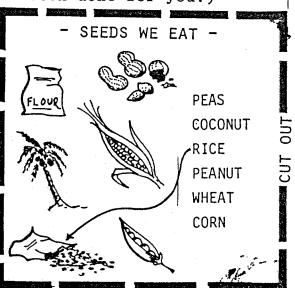


Food From Seeds

You have seen that bean seeds have a lot of stored food. This food is meant for the young plant - but it can also be used by animals. This is why we eat bean seeds.

The table below, shows other seeds we eat.

Join each drawing to the correct name. (One has been done for you.)



Cut out this table and glue it into your book.

