

Cunning Climbers

Trees grow tall trunks to help them move towards the light, but some plants pull themselves upwards by climbing. Climbing plants are very clever and have developed all sorts of different ways to cling on to walls, fences and even other plants.

Have a look around the garden and see how many climbing plants you can find and look at all the different methods that they use to climb. Here's a few ideas to get you started. Tick them if you find them!

In the Scented Garden, you can find plants that use thorns to climb and plants that use twining leaves to climb.



At the Pergola in the Scented Garden you can't miss a huge plant that uses twining stems to climb.



Did you know that 'strangler figs' can be found in some places of the world. These plants use other plants to climb up to reach the light, then often they kill them because they hold them so tightly that they literally strangle them!

Sea Faring Seeds

Not only do plants move, but their seeds need to have a way of moving away from the parent plants otherwise the seedlings wouldn't grow very well.

See how many different kinds of seeds you can find on your way around the garden. Some seeds will be on the ground, but others might still be on the plants.

There are different ways that seeds move and this is called seed 'dispersal'. Have a look at the pictures below and see if you can work out some of the different ways that seeds are dispersed. Have look at the seeds you have found and see if you can guess how they were dispersed.



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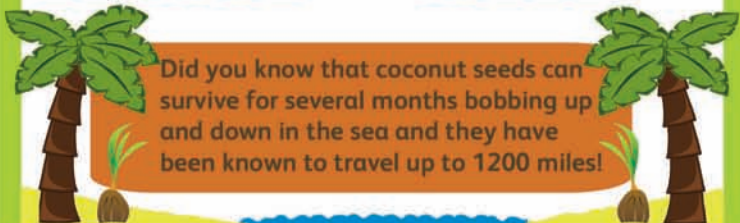
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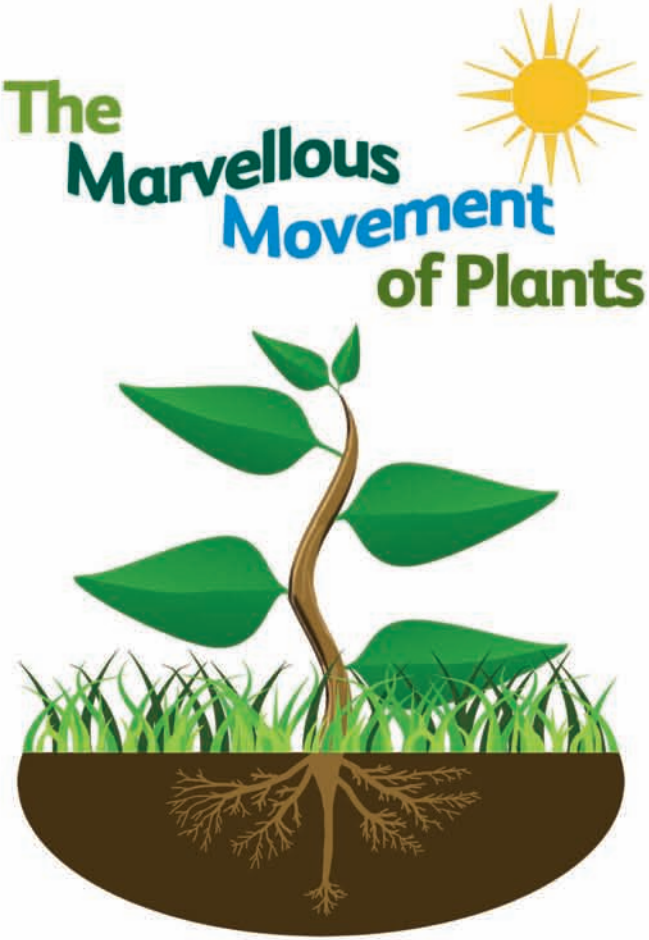
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You might think that plants are boring green things that just sit in the ground and don't move. However, this discovery trail might just amaze you and show you how much plants really do move (even when you can't see them doing it)!

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