



# PLANTS



## Why learn about plants?

- Plants are all around us!
- Plants provide us with different things – some plants might be beautiful flowers that we can smell, some might grow food for us to eat
- Each plant is different – you can explore the differences between plants together!



## Go for a WALK ...



## Explore them...

- Talk a walk around your neighborhood and see what different kind of plants you can find!
- Bring along paper and coloring materials to do observational drawings of different plants (what shapes, colors etc.)

- COUNT the different kinds of plants you see near home or on a walk
- MEASURE a plant on different days – to see how it changes
- PLANT your own seeds and take care of them
  - Make labels for the plants
  - Draw what the final plant looks like & place them near where the seeds are growing



## TALK about it...

- Questions to ask your child:
  - What are the similarities between these two plants? What are the differences?
  - Why do you think leaves are *green*?
  - Which plants had colorful flowers on them? Why do you think they were so colorful?
  - What *shapes* are the leaves? Are all the leaves the *same shape*?
- Talk about your experience with plants & encourage your child to do so too!
  - Do you have a favorite plant? Have you ever grown one?
  - Maybe you enjoy walking around during spring & admiring the pink cherry blossoms OR you once grew a garden!
- Play "I SPY"
  - Challenge your child to find plants with *different details* (colors, leaves, sizes etc.)

