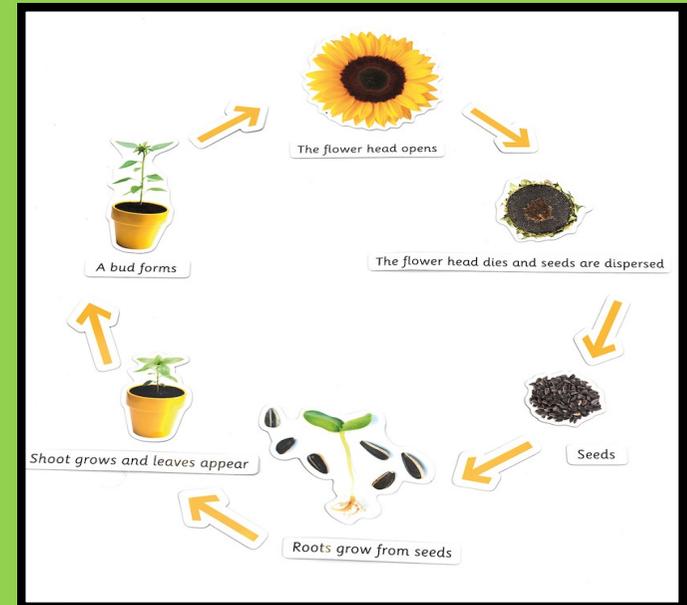


How old are the trees around us?

Key Vocabulary:	
crown	The crown is made up of the leaves and branches at the top of the tree.
bulb	The name given to the underground bud or stem of a seed plant at resting stage.
roots	This part of a plant is normally underground. They keep the plant in the ground, absorb water and bring it to the stem and store food.
stem	The stem is the main part of the plant. It supports the weight of the leaves, as well as the flowers or fruit.
germination	When the conditions are right the seed soaks up water and swells and the tiny new plant bursts out of its shell.
oxygen	Oxygen is used by animals and plants in the respiration (breathing) process.

Sticky Knowledge facts:

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