

SUNFLOWERS

Level: Primary 3rd Year (Natural Science)

Time: 2 sessions

Materials:

- ❑ coloured cards
- ❑ paper plate
- ❑ glue
- ❑ scissors
- ❑ sunflower seeds

**Vincent
van Gogh**

FUN FACTS

- ❑ He was a self-taught artist.
- ❑ He is also known because he cut-off part of his own left ear.
- ❑ He shot himself in the chest and died when he was 37.
- ❑ In just over a decade he created about 2,100 artworks and sold only one.
- ❑ In 1990, Portrait of Dr. Gachet was the most expensive painting in the world, sold for \$82,500,00.



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**Basic description:**

During today's session we will create a sunflower with our students. We have to tell the pupils in advance to bring the necessary materials, in this case, the sunflower seeds, to carry out their work of art. We will start by presenting the work of art *Sunflowers* by Vincent van Gogh. We will ask if someone knows the artist and then we will explain the most relevant data about him. After this short introduction, we will explain the steps to follow and while the children perform the activity we will remember the parts of the plants in English.

Lesson Plan:

First session: (15 min) Explain and talk to your pupils about Vincent van Gogh and analyse the main features in the picture.
(30 min): Steps 1 to 3 should be completed in the first session.

Second session: (30 min) Steps 4 to 6 should be completed in the second session.
(15 min) Close the session with a game related to the topic.

Game:

Try Hangman to review flower vocabulary with your pupils. Ask pupils to brainstorm some flower vocabulary (flower, root, stem, leaf, rose, daisy, sunflower, tulip, etc.). Then ask for volunteers to go to the board and play the game with their classmates. They can give clues to help them using any previous knowledge they have from their Natural Science Lessons.

Learning Outcomes:

- ✔ Knows the parts of the plant (root, stem and leaf).
- ✔ Makes three-dimensional works with different materials planning the process and choosing the best way of doing it.

Step 1



Draw the stem and the leaves of the sunflower on different pieces of paper.

Step 2



Cut out the stem and the leaves.

Step 3



Stick the seeds onto the paper plate.

Step 4



Stick the leaves around the paper plate.

Step 5



Glue or tape the flower and the stem to a piece of cardboard.

Step 6



Show it to your classmates.