



Watch it Grow by Barbara Reid

An art exploration inspired by Barbara Reid and our environment!

After listening to the story, “Watch it Grow” by Barbara Reid on Seesaw, explore your environment (e.g. go for a walk, walk around your yard, or look carefully from your window). Look for an interesting object or scene that you want to recreate!

You can...

Zoom in on one object! (Use your magnifying glass)

- Focus on this natural object, looking carefully at the details! (Example: a leaf, your sunflower, other flowers, an insect, bark on a tree, etc.)

OR

Zoom out to recreate an interesting scene!

- Similar to Barbara Reid’s style, look at what is happening across a bigger space! (Example: Grandma is watering a plant while you are trying to catch a butterfly)

See the activity shared on Seesaw for the story and video links, including some artistic tips from Barbara herself!

Task:

First, listen and look closely at the story “Watch it Grow”.

Then, explore your environment. You may go for a walk, spend some time in your yard or look carefully out your window.

Use your magnifying glass to look for an interesting object or scene that you will recreate!

Intent: I can...

Create a plasticine image of my own, inspired by the artist and author Barbara Reid.

Criteria: I will...

- Look closely and carefully and my environment.
 - Choose an object or scene
 - Recreate it using plasticine on the template of cardboard provided
- Share my artwork on Seesaw!



A seed, an acorn, tiny eggs in a pond or under a leaf: what do they have in common? They are all living things — like you! Each starts out small and goes through changes as it grows to become a flower, a tree, a frog or a butterfly.

For a monarch butterfly this transformation happens over a few weeks, while an oak tree may keep growing for more than a hundred years. A tadpole lives underwater but begins to breathe air when it becomes a frog. The leaves of a sunflower turn sunshine into food to help the plant grow.

Both scientists and artists are inspired by what they see in nature. They ask questions and make observations. The plants and animals in this book can be found in the countryside, parks or even city backyards. Learning about them may inspire you to go outdoors and look for them where you live.

What’s growing in *your* neighbourhood?

