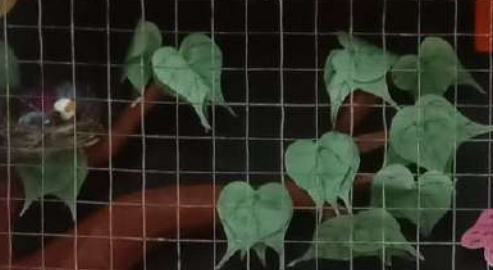


DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

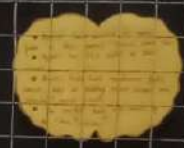
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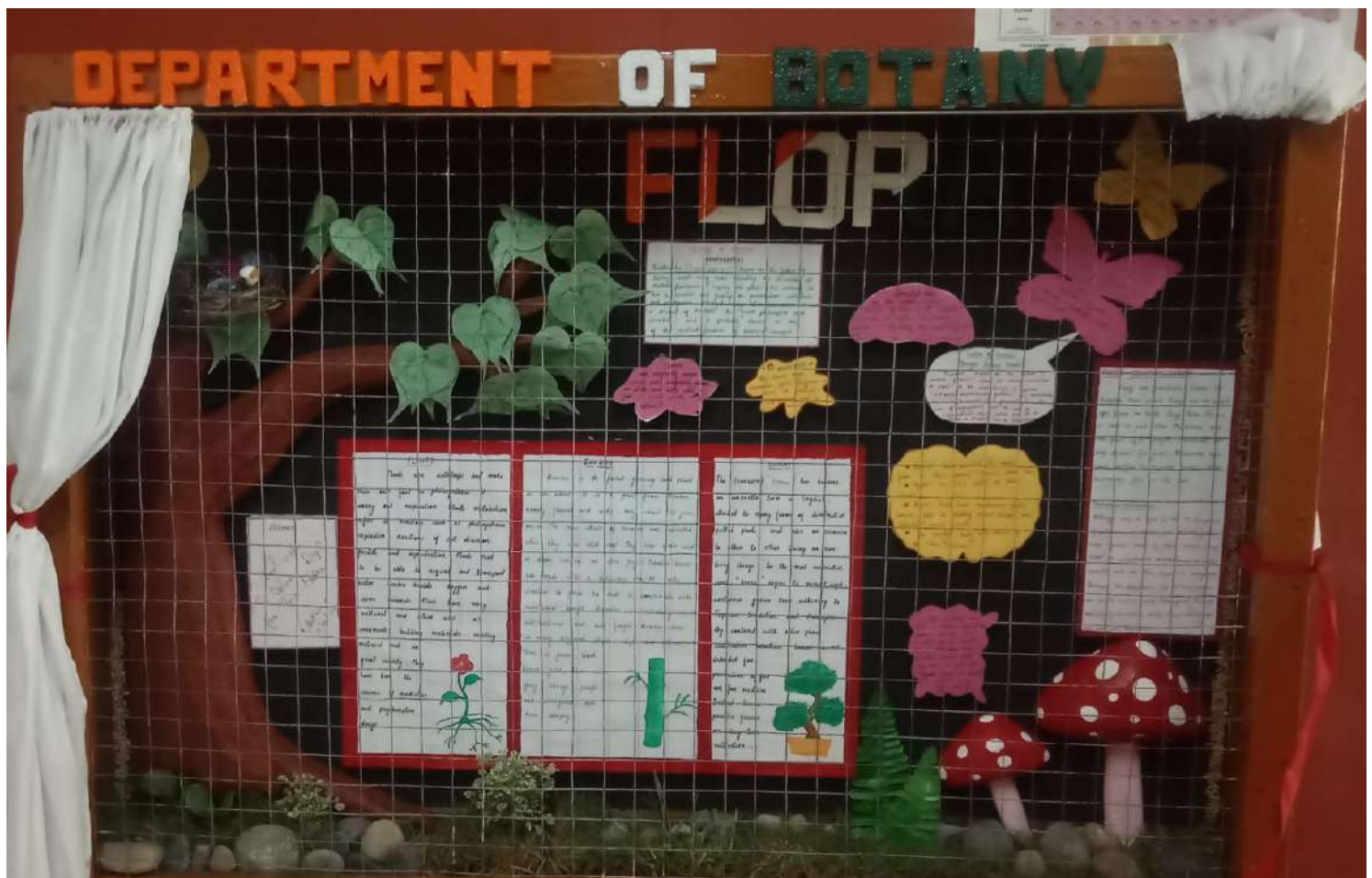
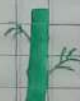
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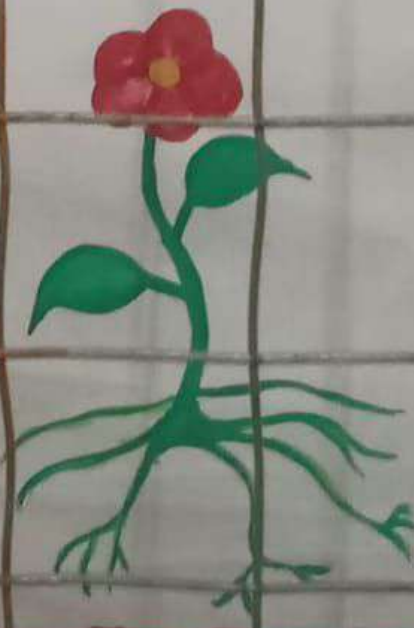


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PLANTS

Plants are autotrophs and make their own food in photosynthesis. It carry out respiration. Plants metabolism refers to reactions such as photosynthesis, respiration, reactions of cell division, growth and reproduction. Plants need to be able to acquire and transport water, Carbon dioxide, oxygen and some minerals. Plants have many cultural and other uses, as ornaments, building materials, writing material and, in great variety, they have been the source of medicines and psychoactive drugs.



FACTS ABOUT MUSHROOM

Fungi are genetically closer to humans than plants. Fungi are the largest life forms on earth. Fungi allow trees to talk to each other. Mushrooms are the fruit of a fungus. Mushrooms can stay dormant for years. Mushrooms can create airflow to disperse spores. Some mushrooms glow in the dark.

Poisonous mushrooms

Although only a few of the 70-80 species of poisonous mushrooms are actually fatal when ingested, many of these deadly fungi bear an unfortunate resemblance to edible species and are thus especially dangerous. Perhaps the deadliest of all mushrooms, the death cap is found throughout Europe and closely resembles edible snow mushrooms and Caesar's mushrooms.

Smallest tree
in the world: dwarf
willow, growing to a total
of 6 cm in height, the dwarf
willow is arguably the world's tiniest
tree.

Apple
the most
of the world.

Father of Genetics
Gregor Johann Mendel
Mendel, known as the "Father of
modern genetics", chose to study variations
in plants in his monastery's 2 hectares
(4.9 acres) experimental garden. His experimen-
tal led him to make two generalizations. The
Law of segregation and the law of
independent. which later came to be
known as Mendel's Law of Inheritance.

- Brazil has derived its name
from a tree named "Brazil wood" tree.
- Apple has 25% water in their
volume.
- Bear's head-tooth mushroom fights
cancer, help in killing round worms and
stimulate nerve growth.
- The cricket bats are made of
the tall willow.

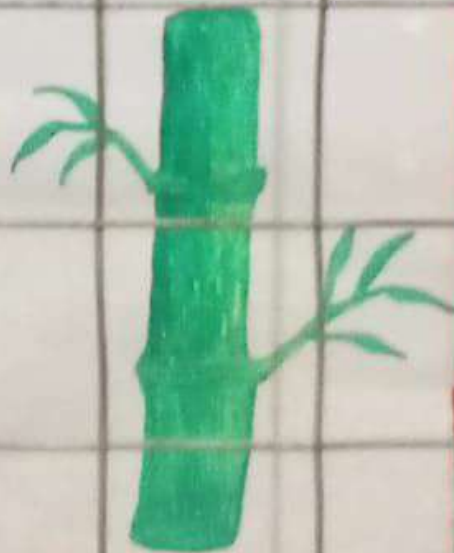
FATHER OF BOTANY

THEOPHRASTUS

Theophrastus (c. 371 - 286 BC), known as the father of Botany, wrote many books, including the 10-volume set, *Historia plantarum* (Enquiry into plants). His curiosity led him to research and findings on germination, cultivation and propagation - amongst many other discoveries. He was a student of Aristotle, the Greek philosopher and scientist, and is probably deemed as one of the earliest founders of botanical research...

BAMBOO

Bamboo is the fastest growing land plant in the world. It is a giant grass. Bamboo rarely flowers and seeds, only about 100 years or so. The new shoots of bamboo are harvested while they are still soft. They are often used in Asian cuisine or stir fryed. Bamboo leaves are made into a delicious tea. It tastes similar to green tea and is comparable with nutritional benefits. Bamboo is naturally anti-bacterial and anti-fungal. Bamboo comes in many different shapes, sizes and colours. There is green, black, brown, gold, blue, white, grey, orange, purple, red, variegated and even stripey.



BONSAI

The loanword "bonsai" has become an umbrella term in English, attached to many forms of diminutive potted plants, and also on occasion to other to other living or non-living things. In the most restrictive sense "bonsai" refers to miniaturized, container-grown trees adhering to Japanese tradition and principles.

By contrast with other plant cultivation practices, bonsai is not intended for production of food or for medicine.

Instead, bonsai practice focuses on long-term cultivation...

