Even the biggest trees begin life as tiny seeds. Read about how the little acorn grew big.

**Little by Little**

“Little by little,” an acorn said,
As it slowly sank in its mossy bed;
“I am improving every day,
Hidden deep in the earth away.”
Little by little each day it grew,
Little by little it sipped the dew.

Downward it sent out a thread-like root
Up in the air sprang a tiny shoot;
Day by day, and year by year,
Little by little the leaves appear,
And the slender branches spread far and wide
Till the mighty oak is the forest’s pride.

**New words**
hidden, slowly, downward, slender, mighty, branches, pride, improving, sipped, shoot
Reading is fun

1. Name the tree that the acorn grows into.
2. What things does a seed need to grow?
3. How many describing words can you find in this poem?

Talk time

Look at the two pictures. Find four things that are different about these trees and talk about them.

Picture 1
I give you all this

Picture 2
What do you give me?

Let’s write

Look at Picture 1. Write three sentences on what the trees give us.

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Now look at Picture 2. Write three sentences on how we harm the trees.

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These words describe parts of a tree. Write them in the given space.

stem ___________________________________________________________
bark ___________________________________________________________
leaves _________________________________________________________
branch _________________________________________________________
twigs _________________________________________________________
root ___________________________________________________________
shoot _________________________________________________________

Match the opposites. One has been done for you.

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