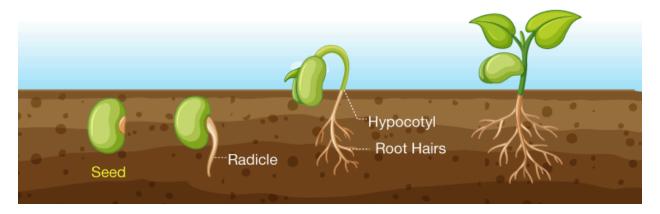
Pointers Seeds and Seeds

- 1. Seeds are the beginning of a new plant's life.
- 2. The process by which a seed grows into a plant is called **germination**.



3. Seeds need air, water, and warmth to germinate.

We Eat Seeds

- Many seeds are part of our daily food.
- Examples: Rice, wheat, gram, maize, rajma, chana, dals
- Some seeds are used as **spices**: Mustard, cumin, coriander
- 4. **Sprouting** is the early stage of germination.
- Seeds can travel from one place to another. This is called seed dispersal.
- 6. Why is seed dispersal important?
 - To avoid overcrowding
 - o To help plants grow in new areas

7. Ways seeds are dispersed:

- By wind (e.g., cotton, dandelion)
- By water (e.g., coconut)
- o **By animals** (e.g., mango, guava)
- By explosion (e.g., balsam)
- By sticking to fur/clothes (e.g., Xanthium)
- 8. Not all seeds sprout.
 - o Old, broken, or fungus-affected seeds may not grow.
- 9. Some seeds have **special features** like wings, hooks, or hairs to help them travel.
- 10. Seeds contain **stored food** (cotyledons) that helps the baby plant grow.
- 11. Carnivorous plants attract, trap and digest animals for the nutrients they contain. Examples:
- 1. Venus Flytrap.
- 2. Pitcher Plant.
- 3. Sundew (Drosera).
- 4. Bladderwort.