

# The Life Cycle of a Dandelion

## Fact File

### In the beginning...

The life cycle of a dandelion begins with a seed. Dandelion seeds are spread by the wind. When the conditions are right, the seed will begin to sprout. The roots will push down into the soil and start to grow.



### Next...

A young plant will then be seen pushing up through the ground as it searches for sunlight. The plant will grow stronger as it gets nutrients from the soil. Buds and leaves will begin to grow.

### Then...

The bright flowers of the dandelion plant will bloom. They can be yellow or orange in colour. The flower heads open during the day but close during the night.



### After that...

The seeds will start to grow. Over the course of a week, the flower will change to a seed head. The seed head is shaped like a puffy, white ball of seeds.

### Finally...

The seeds are blown off and spread by the wind. The new seeds will become dandelion plants if they can find suitable soil to grow in.

