Thought starter: A tree’s root system roughly spreads 1.5 times the size of the tree.

Part A - Gathering your roots (Observations)

1. Take your time to look at different trees and imagine the stories they could tell. Which one captures your interest? Observe and describe

•  its shape (look at the trunk and branches)

•  its height and possible age

•  its colours and seasonal changes (changes that happen from summer to autumn, autumn to winter, winter to spring, spring to summer)

•  the texture of its bark and leaves

•  any creatures that may be connecting with the tree

2. Consider the key challenges and connections your tree might have. Use your imagination! What voices and emotions could you use? How might these be central elements of your story

* You might like to make a sketch of the shape or a feature of your tree. Or take a photo if you have an available device.

Part B - Grow your Story Tree (Write a story)

Now you will combine your observations and imagination. Make some decisions on -

* What about your tree is central to your story?
* What characters have you chosen? Remember it could be just one.
* How does your story start and end?
* Will you use any drawings or images to help tell your story?

Use these headings below as a guide or you may like to write your story in a notebook or online:

**The Orientation** - What is the scenario for your tree?

**The Complication** - What problem or challenge might your tree or characters engage with?

**The Resolution** - What is the outcome for your tree or characters?

Part C - Reflection

Three things I find interesting about trees from this lesson:

1.

2.

3.

Two questions I have about trees:

1.

2.

One hope for trees in the future:

1.