

Grade 4
Social Sciences – Geography
Term 3 – Week 4 (6 – 17 July)



Maize plant

Unit 3 - Read page 52 – 54

Crop farming

- The plants that are grown to produce food are called **crops**.
- **Three important crops** grown in South Africa are:
 - Maize and wheat
 - Sugar cane
 - Fruit
- **Maize** and **wheat** are called **cereal crops**. Cereal crops are plants that are grown for their seeds or grain.
- Wheat grain is made into flour, which is used to make bread.
- Maize seed is used to make mealie meal.
- **Maize** grows best in places with hot, wet summers and cold, dry winters. The eastern half of South Africa has climate like this.
- **Wheat** grows best in the Western Cape, where there are hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters.
- **Sugar cane** is used to make sugar. Sugar cane will only grow in a hot, wet climate.
- Sugar cane is grown in Kwa-Zulu Natal and Mpumalanga.
- South Africa has many climates, which means farmers grow various **fruit** in different parts of South Africa.

Activity 1

Copy the table below into your book. Read the information above and fill in the table.

Crop	Climate the crop grows best in	Region (area) where the crop is grown
Maize		
Wheat		
Sugar cane		

Activity 2

Read the information found on page 53 and answer the questions.

1. In which province are sunflowers grown?
2. Which part of the flower is used and what is it used for?
3. Fruit can be divided into three different types. Write the name of each type of fruit and give examples of each.



Wheat plant



sugar cane

Activity 3

Read the case study found on page 53, 54 and answer the questions using full sentences.

1. In which province does Makgoro Mannya live?
2. What is another name for mango chutney?
3. What did Makgoro Mannya do when she could not grow enough mangoes to keep up with the demand?
4. What type of fruit could she grow on her farm?
5. How did she get the money to buy her own farm?
6. How many workers does she have on the farm?
7. What other fruit, besides mangoes are grown on the farm?
8. Where are some of the avocado pears sold?
9. Is Makgoro a subsistence or commercial farmer? Give **two** reasons for your answer.

