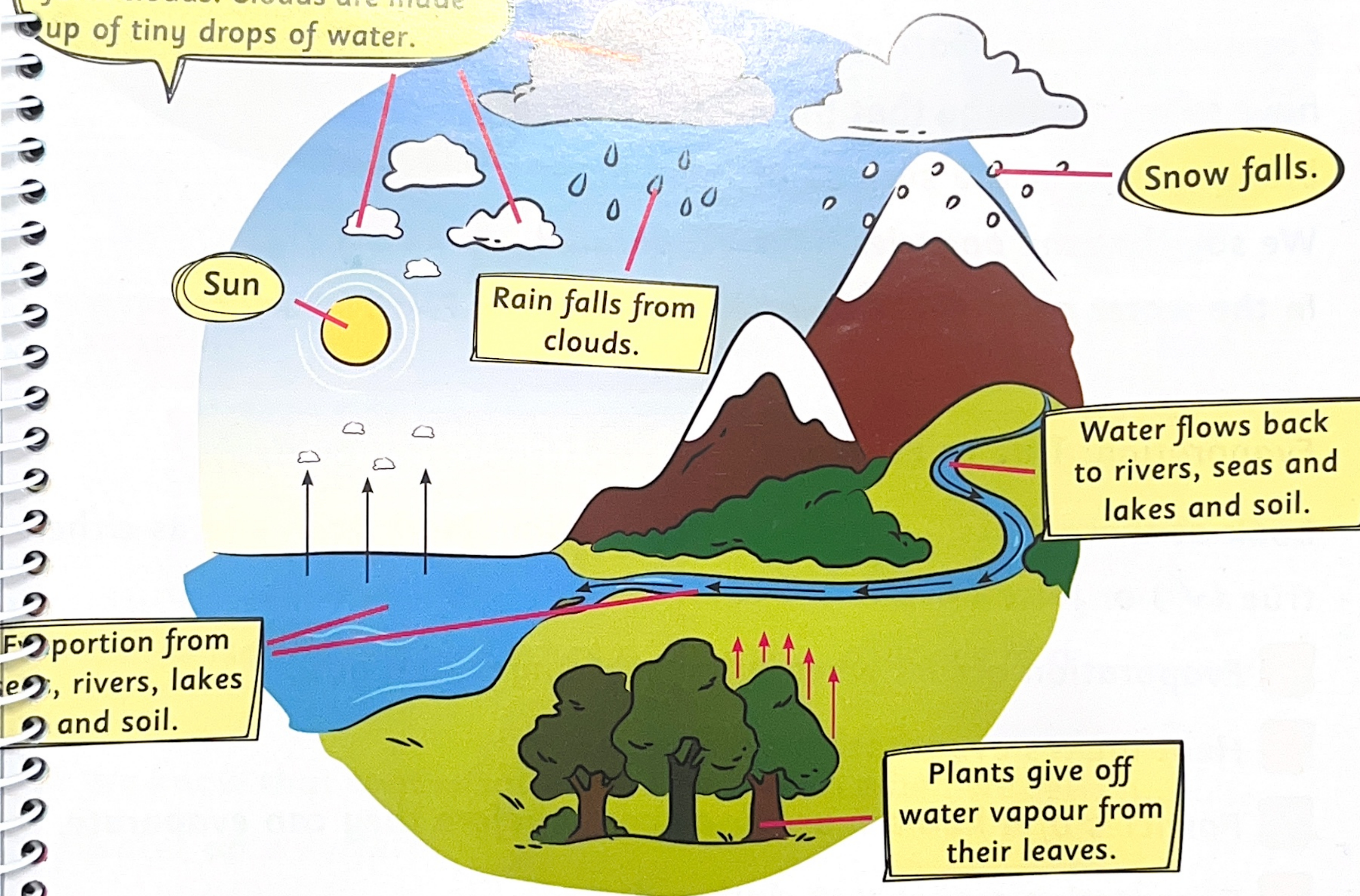


2.1. The water cycle

Explain the water cycle.

Look at the diagram of the water cycle.

Water vapour condenses to form clouds. Clouds are made up of tiny drops of water.



Evaporation from the sea, rivers, lakes and soil.

Plants give off water vapour from their leaves.

The water cycle happens mainly because of evaporation and condensation. Freezing and melting also happen in the water cycle.

- The water cycle is the movement of water from the Earth's surface into the air and back again.
- In the water cycle, water evaporates from Earth's surface, condenses to form clouds and falls back to Earth as rain.