

'Glorious Growing'

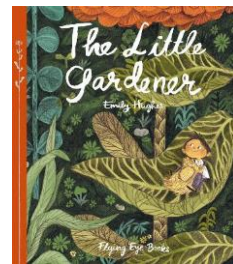
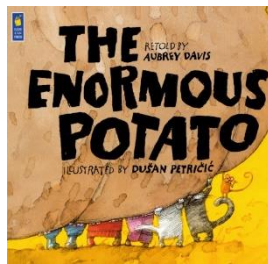
Squirrel Class Newsletter Term 5 2023



Dear Parents,

Our new topic for Term 5 is 'Glorious Growing'. We will be looking at a wide range of things including parts of a flower, the life cycle of a plant, exploring how bees help our plants, and growing some flowers ourselves. We will also be doing some cooking looking at the healthy foods our farmers grow and discussing how our village has changed over time. We have a wonderfully exciting term planned that we hope the children will enjoy in what we hope will be sunny weather!

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



Questions to ask at home:

- What is healthy food?
- How have our farms/villages/towns changed over time?
- What foods grow in the ground and what grows on trees?
- What foods can we grow in the UK and what grows in other countries?
- How do plants grow?
- What do bees do?


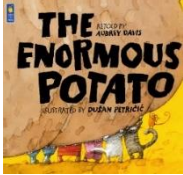


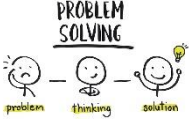
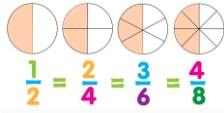














Home Learning Tasks

You could have a go at some of these at home:

- Cooking some healthy food
- Planting seeds and watching them grow (cress is always good!)
- Drawing the life cycle of a plant
- Designing and making a plant habitat from recyclable material
- Design your own farm to grow foods
- Go on a walk around your village/town and draw or write what you see. What is old/new?

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focused activities and group work.

Learning Map Term 5 Glorious Growing

Literacy	Characterisation 	Narrative 	Instruction 
Maths	Time 	Problem Solving 	Fractions 
Science	Plant/bees  		
History & Geography	Maps 	Significant person 	Environment changes 
ICT	E-Safety 		Animated stories 
PSHE		Relationships 	
DT	Baking 		
PE	Hit, Catch, Run 		
RE	Judaism-Who is Jewish? 		
Music	Garden Music 		

Home Learning

Reading	Please read at least 3 times a week and record this in your reading records. We collect the reading records in on a Friday to see which class has the most reads for the week.
Phonics Year 1	Children in Year 1 will be sent home with a phonics homework sheet on a Monday which will share the sounds, sentences and spelling we will have covered during the previous week. The children can share their learning with you. There isn't a formal spelling test in Year 1, however there are 5 words at the bottom of the sheet that they have learnt in school that week and it would be great to practise these at home too! Their phonics and spellings all fit in with Little Wandle scheme we follow at school.
Phonics/ spelling Year 2	Children in Year 2 will be sent home with spellings based on the spelling curriculum rules they will have been taught during the week on a Monday , they will be tested on these on the following Monday .
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and needs to be returned on the following Monday . The children can bring it back in whenever they have finished it during that week and put it in the 'finished homework' box. The children also have a Times Table Rock Star login to practise their multiplication skills.

Useful Websites to support learning

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd>

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/plants/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Additionally, Purple Mash also has many useful activities linked to the topic. The children have their logins in their reading records should you need them.

Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Please can you make sure that **ALL CLOTHES** have their name inside.
- The children will need to have a **coat** in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE is on **Mondays** but PE kits should be in every day as we sometimes have other active sessions throughout the week. **Please remember to return them if taken home after a club.**
- This term, Forest School will take place on **Wednesday 26th April**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Lulham and Mrs Cousens