

The children have had such a fantastic start to the new year and jumped straight back into their learning. They have worked so hard to master multiplication and division, and are making great progress with fractions in maths, as well as creating some outstanding pieces of writing in English. A highlight this half term has been our science investigations when learning about Earth and Space; we had so much fun using Oreos to create the phases of the moon and drawing out scaled models of the solar system in the classroom. In the next half term, we are looking forward to learning about where food comes from in our world and developing our art skills when sketching landscapes in our topic, 'Sow, Grow and Farm'.

Thank you for all of your support this half term. I am always here to discuss anything concerning your child and to make sure they are as happy as can be; just send a message to the school office or feel free to catch me on the yard.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Gibson

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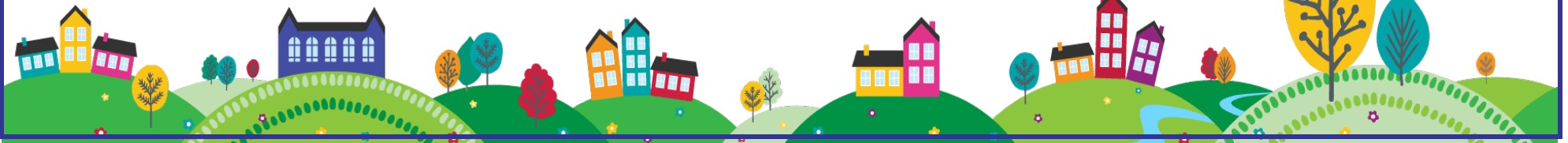
Sow, Grow and Farm



Curriculum Information

Year 5

Spring 2 2024





Maths

As we continue our hard work with fractions, we will consolidate our understanding of converting, adding and subtracting fractions before moving onto working with decimals and percentages. In core skills, we will refresh our quick arithmetic skills with weekly practice tests, quizzes and games.



English

We will be completing our narratives at the start of this half term, writing our stories with ambitious vocabulary based on our exciting novel 'Clockwork'. Our learning will also come to life through video modules on Literacy Shed, and we will learn to implement specialised language skills, such as figurative language like similes and metaphors. In our grammar lessons, we will continue to develop our understanding of the structure of a sentence, and subordinating conjunctions in order to expand and form complex sentences.



Reading

The children will continue to have daily reading lessons. Our lessons focus on VIPERS skills: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarising and sequencing, to build comprehension skills. Additional non-fiction texts and poetry will also strengthen our reading skills. Why not use the VIPERS bookmark to help your child continue to build reading skills at home! On a Friday, children can earn one raffle for 4x reading at home signed by an adult, and can earn two raffles if they read every single day.



Home Reading

Adults will endeavour to hear the children read on a one-to-one basis as often as possible in school. Please listen to your child read four times a week at home to assist their progress and help your child develop fluency and expression. Please also ensure your child's reading record is signed – your comments are greatly valued!



Science

Our topic this half term is 'Living things and their habitats.' Linked to our topic 'Sow, Grow and Farm,' we will be exploring how land is used to provide habitats for animals and how areas are used to plant and grow vegetables. Our investigations will include questions such as: 'Which animals can we find in the school garden?' and 'How does the level of salt affect how quickly brine shrimp hatch?'



Geography

Let's learn how to grow! A crispy carrot, a luscious lettuce, or a tasty tomato. Dig deep and put your back into it in our geography topic. In this topic, we will learn about farms and where our food comes from. We will continue to develop our knowledge of countries and continents too.



Art

This project teaches children about the genre of land art. They work outdoors to sketch natural forms and explore the sculptural potential of natural materials before working collaboratively to create land art installations.



DT

Our project 'Eat the Seasons' will teach children about the meaning and benefits of seasonal eating, including food preparation and cooking techniques.



RE

Our RE focus for this half term is Judaism. We will be exploring the Passover meal and the story of Exodus in the Bible. We will learn about how Jews celebrate other important events in the Jewish calendar.



PE

The children will have their weekly PE sessions with our PE coach on a Wednesday.



Homework and Spellings

Homework will be set on Friday and will focus on Maths and English. This will include spellings and times tables to learn for a test the following Friday and maths homework will now be accessed through 'Freckle,' an online maths program. Remember to keep practising your times tables on TTRS and access spelling practise on Spelling Shed.



PSHE and Wellbeing

Our PSHE this half term will focus on how information is presented online and how to keep safe. Our values of the month are Honesty in March and Courage in April.