

Allotment



Come on, let's grow!

This half term we'll visit an allotment to see what's growing and spot the greenhouses and frames which help the plants to grow. Back at school we'll extend this knowledge by learning about companion planting, seasonal produce and farming types within the UK. There will be herb tasting which will inspire the creation of our own delicious dishes as well as poetry compositions. We'll explore germination, learn more about the parts of the plant and find out how they reproduce. Maps will help us to identify the best place for an allotment and where different foods come from. We'll create our own 'garden on a plate' dioramas inspired by the allotment – considering carefully how we join our materials. Using our newfound knowledge, we'll grow our own plants ready for our farmer's market finale!

UNIT FOCUS	Geography
English	Poetry, link back to WWII – letters to soldiers project.
Geography	Land use, food origin, fieldwork, map work, climate
Art & Design	Diorama sculpture
Computing	Using the web, word processing
D&T	Cooking and nutrition, making planters
Maths	Recording data, selling produce
Science	Plant reproduction and life cycles, life cycles of animals
RE, French & PE	Discrete

Help your child prepare for their project

Where does our food come from? Why not explore food at home or at the supermarket to find out how far it has travelled? You could also visit a local farm or strawberry picking field to look at the plants and structures. Alternatively, have a go at planting a sunflower seed and giving it all of the conditions needed to help it grow.

Please have a hunt around at home for empty shoe boxes – each child will need one to create their 'allotment on a plate' diorama.

If your child is in Year 6 and would like to revise for SATs during the Easter holiday, you will find some helpful websites on this page.

Helpful websites

English and Maths

<https://uk.ixl.com>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize>

Spelling

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/home_y6flash.shtml

Maths

<https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/ks2-revision/year-6-maths/>

Dates of SATs:

13/5/19 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (45 minutes plus spelling test)

14/5/19 Reading (1 hour)

15/5/19 Arithmetic Paper 1 (30 minutes) and Reasoning Paper 2 (40 minutes)

16/5/19 Reasoning Paper 3 (40 minutes)

During SATs week please encourage your child to have a good night's sleep and a sustaining breakfast. Punctuality is especially important so as not to disadvantage your child and others during the week.

Please do reinforce with your child the importance of taking a balanced approach to the upcoming tests and encourage them to have a restful Easter holiday.

There will be a short information session for parents and Year 6 pupils regarding SATs on Wednesday 24th April at 3pm in the school hall.