

## English

We will be reading *The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch* to help inspire our work. We will be writing our own version of the story and answering questions about it. We will also write an explanation text about pollination and seed dispersal as well as using our reading skills to research and read about plants and flowers.

We will be learning spellings and grammar linked to the topics and the year 3 curriculum.

Please make sure your child reads for 20 minutes every night and practises the spelling homework every week.

## Maths

We will be learning about numbers with three digits, including ordering and comparing them. We will be adding and subtracting numbers with two digits. We will be learning multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables then moving on to the 3 and 4 times tables. We will be learning how to double and halve numbers to 100. There will be opportunities to apply our knowledge of numbers and different number operations when doing problem solving. We will also be learning about time including seconds, minutes, hours, days and months then telling the time on digital and analogue clocks to the nearest 5 minutes. For shape, we will be learning about 3D shapes and their properties.

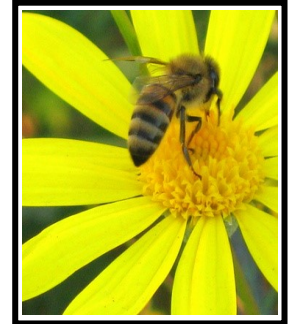
## Science and Ecology

The main focus for our science topic is plants. We will look at the different parts of plants and their functions. We will classify plants according to different characteristics. We will also learn about the processes of pollination and seed dispersal. We will investigate the best conditions to keep plants healthy. We will be observing plants in the school environment and conducting our own plant experiments.

In ecology we will be discussing where the best place is to grow flowers in our school grounds.

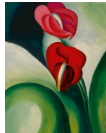


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## Topic

Our topic work this half term will be linked to plants and flowers. In art we will be looking at and evaluating how artists have drawn, painted or used plants in art. This includes the work of Andy Goldsworthy and Georgia O'Keeffe. We will be drawing and painting flowers as well as making an art piece using parts of plants. We will link our work to the our science work.



Later in the term we will also be focusing on Black History Month during October studying the lives of some famous BAME people.

## Curriculum Newsletter

### **Year Three Autumn 1**

#### **'Why do flowers need to be attractive?'**

**Enrichment:** Flower Day in school.

**PE:** PE will be taught every Thursday. The children will be learning the skill's needed to play invasion games including netball passing.

**Homework:** homework will be set on Friday and returned to school by Tuesday.

## RE

Our main focus for this half-term will be Judaism which includes learning about their symbols and the festivals of Passover and Sukkot. We will also be celebrating the Christian festival of Harvest.

## PSHE

We will be welcoming the children back to school and focusing on settling them back into school life. We will be learning about the new routines, giving the children the opportunity to explore their feelings and rebuild their relationships with their peers and adults.

## French

Our main theme is using basic greetings in French. This includes listening attentively to spoken language and showing understanding by joining in and responding.

## Computing

We will be studying the Google Classroom education application making the children's learning online accessible in school and at home.

## Music

The children will learn how to understand a metre through playing instruments. They will also learn how to write lyrics and perform with an awareness of the audience.

## Suggested books to read

The Secret Garden—Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Fantastic Mr Fox—Roald Dahl  
The Enchanted Wood—Enid Blyton  
The Tunnel—Anthony Browne  
The Giving Tree—Shel Silverstein  
The Last Wolf—Mini Grey  
The Tin Forest—Helen Ward  
Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present—Jamia Wilson

## Suggested places to visit

**Trent Park** (Cockfosters) to study the different types of trees and plants

**Garden Museum** (5 Lambeth Palace Rd, Lambeth, London SE1 7LB) to find out more about gardens

## Suggested websites to visit

Watch the video clips on BBC bitesize about Plants e.g. 'Seed Dispersal, Why are bees attracted to flowers?' and 'The Life Cycle of a Dandelion'.