

## English

In English this half term we will be reading 'Greenling' By Levi Pinfold, this book will inspire us in our writing. We will be learning to predict what will happen next based on what we have read. We will also be writing a diary entry in first person to explore why the character changes throughout the story. We will also learn about features of a diary, for example it is in date order, how a diary starts, writing in first person, writing in the past tense. We will then publish the diary when completed.

## Maths

In maths this half term we will begin by focusing on interpreting and drawing pictograms and block diagrams. We will then move on to revising 2D and 3D shapes and their properties including symmetry. Towards the end of the half term we will start learning about fraction. The children will be making equal parts and start to recognise and find a half and a quarter of a shape and a number. They will be learning about the equivalence of a half and two quarters and also start learning to find a third.

## Science

In science this half term we will be learning about what plants need to survive. We will be investigating the basic needs of plants, including light, food, water and air. We will be setting up an investigation on basil plants in different situations seeing which is best. Few will find out and describe how plants stay healthy. We will observe and record our findings to our investigation using a diary. We will also be looking at the difference between a seeded plant and a bulb plant. Finally link where a plant is found to what they need to survive.



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## Topic

In our topic lessons this half term we will be doing History—recount the life of a famous British person, sequencing events about the life of that person. Also we will be giving examples of things that are different in their life to the 18th Century.

In Ecology this half term we will investigate how we can help animals' habitats within school grounds, for example bird houses, minibeast homes, attracting bees/insects.

In Art we will be creating different tones, patterns and textures in our drawings. We will also learn how to mix paints creating all the secondary colours, we will also create hues of white to black. The artist we will be researching is Claude Monet. By being inspired with his work and a trip to Kensington Gardens, we will start to gather and annotate our ideas to create a painting in his style.



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### Curriculum Newsletter

#### Year 2 Spring 2

#### 'How does your garden grow?'

**Enrichment:** Sunshine Garden Centre

**PE:** Thursday

**Homework:** home on Friday and returned to school by Tuesday

### Suggested books to read

Oliver's Vegetables – Vivian French

Jim and the Beanstalk – Raymond Briggs

The little gardener – Emily Hughes

The last wold – Mini Grey

Cloudy with a chance of meatballs – Judi Barrett

## RE

In RE this half term we will be learning about Christianity. Exploring the Bible stories, songs, prayers and symbols. We will learn about the Eater story and look at Baptism and growing up in a Christian home.

## PSHE

In PSHE we will be discussing how the internet can be a negative place where online abuse, trolling, cyber bullying can take place. We will ensure children know what to do if they find something inappropriate online.

### Suggested places to visit

Local parks

Kensington Gardens

### Suggested websites to visit

Claude Monet: <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-claude-monet>

Online safety: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>