

Welcome To Summer in Year 2

Welcome to the summer term in Year Two. We hope you had a lovely Easter break. Our focus for this half term is 'How does your garden grow?' and is link to our science topic. We have exciting work planned which will involve the children planting and learning about the conditions needed for healthy plant growth. In the second half term, the children will be finding out about how the Tiptree Jam Factory has had an impact locally and globally. We will explore the life of Mr Wilkins and learn

who he is and how he is significant.

Just to remind you that although face to face meeting are difficult at this time we are available and happy to talk to you if you have a question or query no matter how small. You can email us at 2b@greattotham.essex.sch.uk or 2p@greattotham.essex.sch.uk.

As always there are a number of ways you can help support your child. The most important is hearing them read regularly. Even confident readers benefit from reading out loud to an adult and answering a range of questions about what they have read to check their understanding. Sharing a book with your child and reading to them means they know what fluent reading sounds

like. Keep practising spelling the common exception words we sent home in the autumn term. You can play various games shown to you over the spring term e.g. noughts and crosses or quick write. Continuing to practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and related division facts still remains a key focus for the summer term. All the children have worked hard on this so far and we look forward to handing our more Pascal certificates.



Homework

This will continue to be given out on a **Friday** to complete and hand in by the following **Wednesday**.

Homework will occasionally be set on Google Classrooms, which we know that the children are confident using!

Those who don't have access to the internet can be provided with paper copies, just let us know.

Homework should take about 20—30 minutes to complete.

The homework set will give the children a chance to revisit and consolidate skills taught in class, as well as share their recent work with you.

If your child has any problems with homework, please just let us know before it is due and we will be happy to help.

Just to remind you that reading books are changed every Monday.

PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays.



Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days.

This term the children will be developing their striking and fielding skills. They will begin striking a ball with their hand then progress to striking a ball with a bat. The children will apply these skills within a game and work as a team.

In the second half term the children will be using a bat and ball with increasing control. They will practise hitting the ball with accuracy towards a target. Due to PE indoors currently not being possible we will also be completing orienteering and problem solving activities outside.

Dates for your diary

Not the Sponsored walk— weekend of 8th & 9th May

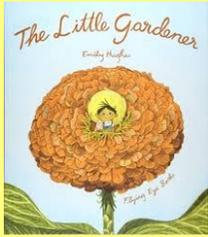
The 2 Johns on the 19th May

Reports out on the 16th July

Last day of term 21st July

R.E.

The children will be exploring special ways of living in Christianity and sharing the story of the Good Samaritan. They will compare special ways of living with other religions including Islam and Judaism.



English

We will be sharing the book 'The Little Gardener' during the 1st half term. The children will then learn how to write an informal letter and recap how to write a diary entry based on this story. A key focus here will be to continue to build on and apply the skills already taught such as including conjunctions to extend ideas and include expanded noun phrases to add detail to their writing.

Other writing opportunities will be to write a recount linked to our science topic about plants. Once again focusing on length of sentences and how to make their writing interesting for the reader.

In the second half term we will be sharing various poems with the focus on identifying rhyming couplets. The children will read a wide range of poems and discuss poetic language and imagery. They will also learn some poems off by heart. The children will also be looking at information texts linked to our science topic. Using a variety of conjunctions, punctuating sentences consistently throughout and checking spelling will be some of the key skills that they will need to show when producing their own information page.

History & Geography

The history focus will be finding out about Tiptree Jam factory and learning about the life of Mr Wilkins. The children will link this to their geography fieldwork where they will be making and reading maps, linked to the local area, as well as looking at the human and physical features around Tiptree.



Design and Technology

The children will be making their own fruit salad. They will also be learning about maintaining a healthy and varied diet.

We look forward to seeing them make some healthy fruit salads.

Computing

This term the children will investigate how they can write algorithms and debug simple programs using Big Trax. They will also have opportunities to further develop their typing skills using Microsoft Word. They will continue to improve their precision and gain confidence when applying these skills.



Maths

Over the summer term the children will extend their understanding of number and place value using mental and written methods, applying these in different contexts. They will build on their knowledge of measure by looking at mass, capacity and temperature. The children will be taught how to use and read different scales to complete work practically.

We will introduce kilograms, grams, litres, millilitres, degrees and Celsius. They will also compare and order mass and capacity and record findings using the $<$ $>$ and $=$ signs.

They will identify and write fractions of shape, quantity and length. They will also revisit money, time and the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will be including problems that involve reasoning for the children to solve. This will help them practise careful reading, so they can carry out the various steps needed.



Art



Linked to our science topic about plants and healthy eating the children will be sketching fruit. They will be taught to think carefully about line, shape, form and space. They will study the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo, who is known for creating portrait heads made of objects such as fruits and vegetables, and recreate his artwork. They will also be exploring a range of art media including watercolours to create their final picture of a plant.

Life skills

During the 1st half term the children will spend time learning about respect and responsibilities within the community, local environment and groups they belong to.

The second half term will link to our science topic as the children will be exploring healthy lifestyles and making informed choices that improve their physical and emotional health.

Science

During this term the children will be learning about a variety of plants. We will examine different seeds and bulbs. The children will identify and investigate conditions for healthy plant growth.

In the second half term we will be learning about the importance of exercise, a healthy diet and maintaining good hygiene. The children will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals including humans.