

Year 2 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 3



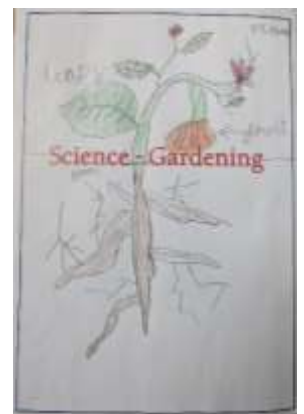
What have we explored this week?

Maths this week has focused on the topic of time. We used clocks to help our understanding of telling the time, using o'clock, half past and quarter past/to the hour. We were impressed with the way the children took to this tricky topic!

In English, we continued with our work on 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by looking at different sentence patterns within the model text. We used capitalisation to show emphasis and the connective 'but' to draw upon contrasts in emotion.

In Science, we enjoyed looking at the structure of plants. We drew scientific diagrams of roots, stems and leaves. We also explored the parts of a seed and the different roles that the parts played to ensure a healthy, living plant. We look forward to developing this topic over the coming weeks.

Our History topic of Florence Nightingale is proving to be a real hit! We used role play to bring her important story to life and showed our understanding by asking questions. This will be developed upon in this weekend's English homework.



Things to Remember

- As usual, this week's homework is in the yellow folder. Pupils have been given until Wednesday 8th May to complete all tasks as best as they are able to. The Spelling and Maths tasks should take 20-25 minutes. This week's English homework is a question writing activity based on our History topic.
- Please do ensure you are listening to your child read aloud as much as possible – ideally on a daily basis, filling in the yellow reading record. We would encourage quality reading of 10-15 minutes (including discussion) rather than lengthy sessions of page turning! Even though your child may not finish a book every night, they always need to bring their reading book and reading record to school every day.
- **Wednesday 22nd May at 8:20am:** All parents are invited to a meeting about the exciting upcoming Digital Transformation at St James Prep, an initiative involving Years 4, 5 and 6 initially. The meeting will provide an opportunity for you to learn about how devices will be used to enhance teaching and learning, including hands-on demonstrations, and for you to ask about any queries you may have.
- We are delighted to be taking part in National Numeracy Day on **Wednesday 22nd May**. We will be focusing on nurturing a love of problem solving and logical thinking on this day, and children are strongly encouraged to dress up in a maths themed outfit. We had some incredible outfits last year and can't wait to see the children's creativity this year, there are prizes to be won!
- We are very much looking forward to Sports Day on **Friday 24th May**. Please can we remind you that this will take place at Linford Christie Stadium and we ask you to take your child directly to the venue that morning. We expect the event will finish by 12pm. Please ensure that your child is collected from the venue by then, if you are not planning to stay and support, which you are of course very welcome to!
- Some children are using Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) regularly and we are already seeing the benefit in class. We are going to be giving extra House Point rewards to pupils who do this, so please do encourage your child to use this excellent resource. Ms Foster has stipulated that each week **TTRS must be played in Garage Mode only**, for 2 x 5 minute sessions. If you have any questions about our online platforms, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.