

# Year 3's Newsletter



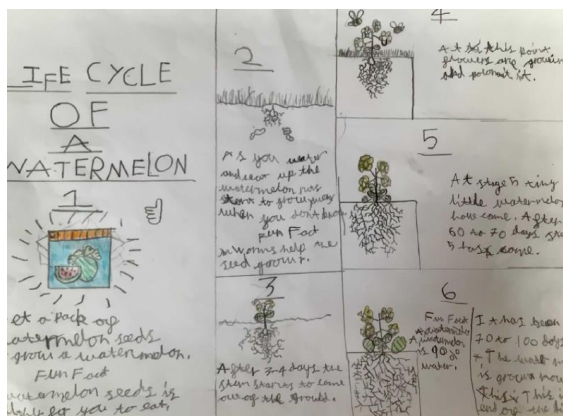
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I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break.

Thanks so much for everyone's efforts with the holiday homework! We've had videos from abroad, posters, plants with information books and much more! It's wonderful to see the children so excited about their learning.

To link with our topic, we are going to the Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. There, we will see many different types of plants including those that only grow in warmer climates in their greenhouses.



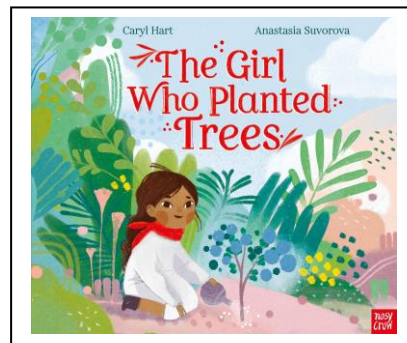
Lavarcis  
'Life Cycle of a Watermelon'  
holiday homework

## English & Maths

In English, we are reading 'The Girl Who Planted Trees' by Caryl Hart. We have been studying the pictures inside the cover in order to make predictions about the story. The children came up with lots of ideas, such as:

"I think the book is set in a tropical climate." (Yahya)

"I think the black dots are blueberries and a bear is hiding who wants to eat them." (Magid)



We will use this story to inspire our writing - in particular, writing instructions and poems. We have already been playing games to help us learn the new vocabulary in the story, such as 'ferocious', 'gradually' and 'withered'.

Some of our English objectives this term are:

- To understand what imperative verbs are and how they are used in instructional texts
- To be able to recognise adverbs and use them to enhance instructions
- To understand what similes are and to use them effectively in our descriptions

## Maths

Our current maths topic is Multiplication and Division. Some of our current objectives are:

- To be able to compare different multiplications and divisions
- To be able to multiply a 2-digit by a 1-digit number
- To be able to link multiplication and division



After this unit, we will be moving onto learning about length and perimeter.

## Apps to support learning:

Here are the apps your child has logins for, and a brief description of what they are. These can all be practised at home.

- **Mathletics:** a leading online mathematics program designed for students aged 5-16 to boost engagement and confidence in maths. It offers interactive games, curriculum-aligned activities, and live, real-time maths competitions.
- **Times Table Rockstars:** an award-winning maths learning platform where children can practise their times tables like a rock star.
- **Letterjoin:** a handwriting scheme in line with the UK National Curriculum, offering a combination of traditional and digital resources.



## Reading

Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and sign their reading diary. Research shows that reading with a parent is the greatest indicator of a child's academic success.

“Parental involvement in a child’s literacy has been reported as a more powerful force than other family background variables, such as social class, family size and level of parental education”

*(Flouri and Buchanan, 2004 – cited in Clark and Rumbold, 2006)*

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Trip to Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens.

Please ensure you are logged onto Showbie to receive ongoing messages.



Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens