



How Does Your Garden Grow?

Willow Class Term 5&6 2016

The 'How Does Your Garden Grow' topic will span both terms 5 and 6. The outline of our curriculum for Term 5 is below.

Our learning this term:

Our Willow Class topic for this term is 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' In **Science** we will be learning how to identify the parts of a plant, finding out about plant life cycles and investigating the conditions needed for growth. These skills will help us to design and plant pots around OLA to cheer it up! We will also be going on a plant spotting walk- exploring what grows in our local area and will plant our own vegetables.



In **Art** we will be creating drawings and paintings based on our observations of plants. The children will also look at the work of Georgia O'Keefe and will create their own paintings in a similar style.

We will begin our **English** work this term with a focus on poetry, using an extract from the famous classic story 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett, as a stimulus. We will also be writing a narrative based on 'Mole's Sunrise' by Jeanne Willis. In our science work we will revisit explanation writing.

In **Maths**, the children will be exploring a number of topics including division, difference, capacity, halving/doubling and fractions. In all these areas, the children will apply their learning to problem solving in the context of word problems and number investigations.

In **RE** we will be exploring the question 'How should we live our lives?' with a focus on Judaism.

As well as continuing to use iPads and PCs to support our learning across the curriculum, we will also be developing our **Computing** skills in programming, filming and data handling.

Bits and Bobs:

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 27th April- Willow Cake Sale (donations of cakes greatly received!)

Wednesday 25th May- Open house after school to look around the classroom.

Monday 6th June- INSET day

Plant spotting walk: We would like to go on a walk to Farleigh Green on Tuesday 10th May in the morning, to explore the types of plants that are growing in our local area. We will need parent helpers to do this, so please let a member of the team know if you are available.

Homework: Will be sent home on a Thursday. Please help your child to remember to bring it to school the following Tuesday. Reading at home continues to be an important part of homework. Also, please take the time to help your child learn their weekly spellings. They are tested on a Tuesday.

PE: Our PE days this term will be Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has a complete PE kit and it may be worth checking that trainers/daps still fit as we will be going outside as much as possible.

Thank you for your support, please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any queries.

Mrs Shapcott and Mrs Northam