

Year 2 – Summer Term 1  
(April – May 2022)

# It Starts with a Seed!



In Term 5, our theme will be, 'Growing'.

## CURRICULUM COVERAGE

### English

The sun has started to shine, the grass is growing and the flowers are just about to bloom in time for our topic all about... growing! This term the children will be writing instructions all about how to make their very own seed balls. They will be reading a book called, 'It Starts with a Seed' by Laura Knowles and writing an explanation text to teach others how things grow. The children will also read 'Mama Miti' which tells the true story of Wangari Maathai, who encouraged Kenyan women to plant trees to improve their lives and their environment. In time, the women used the branches from their trees to fence their animals, the leaves to ripen their bananas and the fruit to feed their families. As the planting movement spread, slowly the deforested Kenyan landscape became green with trees again. Today, more than 30 million trees have been planted throughout Mama Miti's native Kenya, and in 2004 she became the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Wangari Muta Maathai has changed Kenya tree by tree-and with each page turned, children will realize the power of planting trees as well as their own ability to positively impact the future. It's sure to be a blossoming term!

### Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on Shape and Time. We will be looking at the properties of 3D and 2D shapes and describing them using vocabulary such as faces, edges, vertices, sides and corners. In Time we will be learning to read time on analogue clocks and be able to use the language 'o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to' as well as beginning to read time to the nearest 5 minutes. We will also be comparing time durations such as minutes, hours and days.

### PE

We will be continuing with our new PE scheme 'Real P.E' and focussing on Games.

### Computing

In Computing we will be astronauts! We will be learning about the

## NINJA SKILLS

As Ambitious Ninjas we will set ourselves ambitious targets and work to achieve these.

As Courageous Ninjas we will try something new; something that takes us outside our comfort zone.

As Determined Ninjas we won't give up until we achieve our goals.

As Dynamic Ninjas we will have a positive attitude and be full of energy and new ideas

As Inspirational Ninjas we will help our friends; approach work differently and take inspiration from others

As Resilient Ninjas we will learn from our mistakes and bounce back from these.

International Space Station, sensor monitors used on board and how plants can be grown in space.

### **Art**

In Art we will be focussing on botanical art and exploring this through flower pressing and still life drawing.

### **Science**

Our focus in Science is Plants. We will be looking at what plants need to grow, their habitats and that different plants need a variety of different things to grow healthily.

### **Geography**

In Geography we will be using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of Alexandra Park and the surrounding environment.

### **Home Learning Project**

As our core theme this term is 'growing', we would like you to spend some time thinking about how you have grown since you were first born. For your home learning project we would like you to create a timeline that shows how you have grown. You might like to find photos of yourself that show how you have changed over the years or you could draw pictures of yourself at different ages. We would also like you to consider the different things you were able to do and enjoyed doing at different ages and include these on your timeline.

We can't wait to see them!

### **PPA**

PPA Time: **Thursday AM**

Forest School – Robins

6Love - Woodpeckers

Swimming - Kingfishers

If your child is involved in Forest School this term, please ensure that they come to school in their forest school clothes. Please bring school uniform in a bag!

**Please could all named PE kits be brought in as soon as possible.**

**Year Two will have PE on either a Monday or Tuesday.**