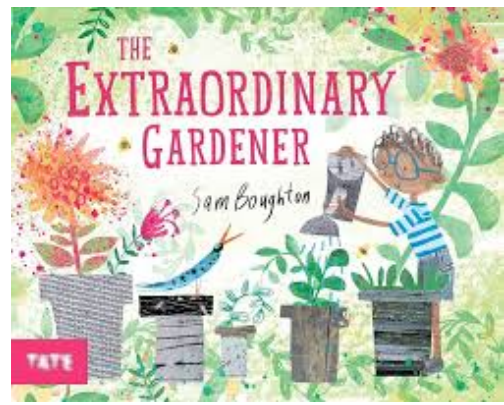


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MAGIC STORY BOX

This half term our story box book will be:

'The Extraordinary Gardener



We will be learning all about how plants grow, what they need to do this, and how they bring colour to our world. We will plant our own seeds and watch them grow too!



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

By the end of the topic we will be able to answer questions like...



- What do plants need to grow?
- What is a community?
- Should we share?
- Can we grow our own food?



PHONICS

This term the children will continue to learn the phase 3 phonics sounds:

ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, er, ure, ear and air.

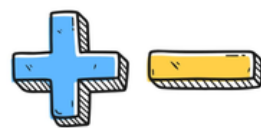
They will also learn to read the tricky words: he, she, we, me, be, my, they, was, her, all.

SUPERSONIC
Phonic Friends

MATHS

In maths this half-term we will be looking at:

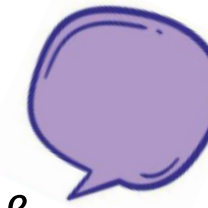
- Number patterns to 20 and beyond.
- How many more (addition and subtraction).
- Manipulating shapes.



LITERACY - WRITING

This term we will be writing instructions for planting to focus on handwriting and the following:

- Verbally compose sentences and write multiple sentences.
- Use phase 2 and 3 sounds to spell phonetically.
- To use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in their writing.



LITERACY - READING/ORACY

Our story this half-term will also support communication and language skills. We will:

- Use comprehension skills to answer who, what, where and why questions.
- Orally retell a story following events in order: opening, build up problem, ending



ART & DESIGN

This half term we will be exploring:

- observational drawings of plants
- Colour mixing to create shades.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Fine Motor - Children will have lots of opportunity to practice fine motor skills to support correct letter formation and pencil control.
- PE - Alternate Wednesdays opposite forest school.
- Forest School - Welly Wednesday (alternating Wednesday opposite PE)



PSED - CIRCLE TIME

- Think Equal - Children will be using books to explore feelings and relationships.
- Online Safety - This half term we are looking at managing online information. We will discuss how we find things out on the internet



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tues 19th May- Verdi Square Share
- Wed 20th May- Greenwood Square Share

