

What's happening in Year Two?

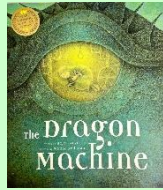


During this half term we will be exploring the theme
'Plants'



English

During English lessons, our key text is 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. Through this unit of writing, the children will write a character description of a majestic dragon and show off their super writing skills through a retell of The Dragon Machine, with a surprise ending!



**What would
the world be
without
plants?**

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about money and fractions. The children will explore coins and their values, practise making different amounts and solving real-life problems. They will also investigate halves, quarters and thirds of shapes, numbers and sets, building a strong understanding of fair sharing and equivalence.



History

In History, the children will learn about Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan environmentalist and the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. We will also discuss the impact of her Green Belt Movement and how it helped communities and the environment.

Science

We will be planting our own sunflower seeds at the beginning of the topic and will watch them grow. We will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and explore how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.



Reading

This half term we will be reading 'The boy who grew dragons' during our guided reading lessons, which is a fun, adventure story.

We ask that you support your child by continuing to hear them read each day at home and ask them questions about what they have read to ensure they have understood as well as signing and dating their reading log. Your child will bring home a book of their choice matched to their accelerated reader level and can complete an online quiz at home or school.



Remember, **talk** is a great tool for learning so please encourage your child to talk about what they have done each day.

Phonics & Spelling

In Phonics, the children will continue to develop their reading and spelling skills through our Little Wandle programme. They will be learning important spelling rules and exploring alternative digraphs.



Art and Design

We will be enhancing our art skills by exploring, designing and creating floral collages using a range of resources. Our artist of the half term is Andy Goldsworthy.

Important Dates:

PE & Forest School
Wednesday