



Year 2 Newsletter

Term 5



Reminders

A reminder to please ensure that any earrings are removed on PE days.

If your child is having a school dinner please ensure you have ordered this by 9am.

Don't forget to bring your reading book, contact book, book-bag and water bottle everyday. Spelling books need to be at school every Monday.

We are going to Kent Life on Friday 8th May. Please let us know if you need another letter.

Art

This term in Year 2, we will be learning about the artist L.S. Lowry. The children will explore his famous paintings of everyday life, focusing on people, buildings, and scenes from towns and cities. They will learn about his use of simple figures and muted colours and will use this inspiration to create their own artwork.



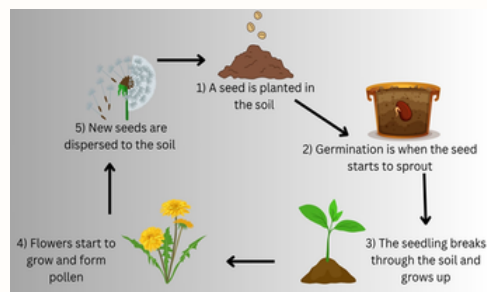
Science



This term we are looking at plants.

Key Vocabulary

seed	a part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
bulb	a plant bud that begins to grow underground
seedling	a young plant grown from a seed
germination	the process by which a plant grows from a seed
life cycle	a series of stages a living thing goes through during its life
conditions	what a place is like- hot or cold, wet or dry etc
energy	something which makes things move, grow or change
healthy	good for a living thing's health



Maths

We are looking at fractions this term. The children will learn that fractions show parts of a whole and that these parts must be equal. We will be finding fractions of shapes and amounts.

Children will:

- Recognise and name simple fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$
- Begin to recognise non-unit fractions such as $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$
- Understand that one half is the same as two quarters
- Recognise and find three-quarters of shapes and small groups
- Find the whole when a part is given
- Count in fractions up to one whole (for example, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1)

You can support your child at home by talking about fractions when sharing food or everyday items.

English

Year One and Two common exception words

The children should be able to spell most of these words by the end of Year Two

find	gold	grass	prove
mind	hold	pass	half
floor	told	plant	parents
eye	every	path	money
kind	great	door	improve
who	break	both	sugar
whole	steak	most	could
any	Mrs	even	would
child	after	climb	beautiful
wild	fast	busy	because
Mr	last	people	should
only	past	pretty	behind
old	father	sure	Christmas
many	class	bath	everybody
clothes	water	hour	children

History

Our theme this term is focusing on the Victorians.

We will be looking at:

Queen Victoria

What life was like in Victorian times

Schools in Victorian times

Key Vocabulary

Past	Events that have already happened.
Present	What is happening now.
Workhouse	The home to many orphaned or sick children. It was also home to poor
Chimney sweep	Young children sent up chimneys to clean the soot from the chimney breast
Queen Victoria	Queen Victoria became Queen at 18 and reigned from 1837 - 1901 (64)
Reign	The time that someone is king or queen.
Factory	A building where things are made, often by machines
Mining	Digging coal and other products from deep below the ground.
Quill	A feather used for writing
Cane	A stick used in Victorian school to punish bad behaviour.

We will be having a Victorian day on **Wednesday 13th May**. Year Two children are invited to dress up as Victorians for the day as we imagine schools in the Victorian time.

