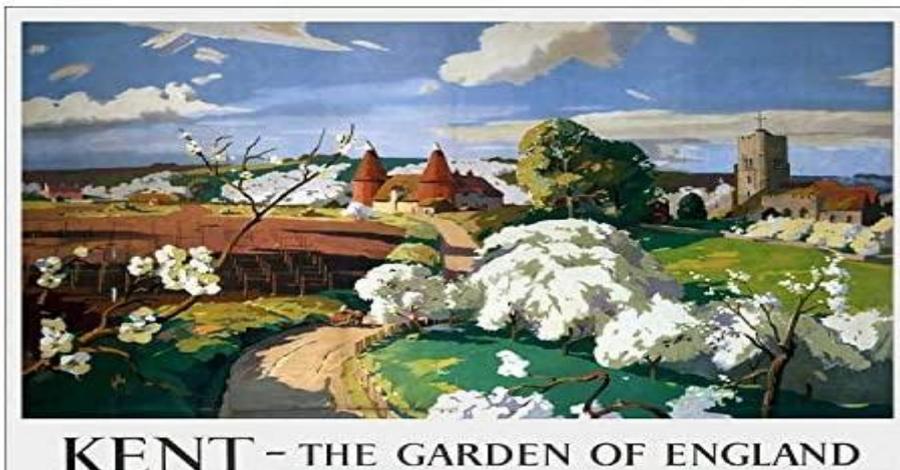


Kent – the garden of England

Our final topic of the year will focus on our local area. We are finding out all about what Kent has to offer, its importance in moments of history and the landmarks and places of interest that can be explored. As part of our topic, we will be learning about farming and how it has shaped and changed the Kent countryside, discovering where our food comes from. Alongside this we will consider sustainability and recycling.



English

Another range of writing opportunities will be offered this term as the children make their way through our topic. They will be writing reports, letters and diaries as they share their knowledge in different ways.

We continue with Read Write Inc. for reading and phonics, with the children making fantastic progress in their reading skills. Early in Term 6, the children will be formally tested in the national phonics screen, though we will ensure that as far as the children are concerned, this is just another low stakes quiz.

Maths

Lots to cover this term as we move on from numbers to 50, now finding out about numbers to 100. The children will be introduced to the 100 square and the way in which this can be used to understand how numbers work.

Alongside this, we will be taking our first look at fractions, including halves and quarters. The children will be learning also to find a half or a quarter of an amount.



Our learning for this term will also cover learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour.

Do download this app if you haven't yet done so – it aligns with the maths program that we use in school and provides lots of fun and useful exercises to consolidate your child's understanding of number.

Finally we will be learning about our British coins and thinking about how we can make totals with various coins.

PE

PE this term will again be on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Coach Tom will be leading our Monday sessions and the children will be learning traditional country dancing on a Friday. Children who do not come into school wearing the correct kit, will be given a school PE kit to wear.

RE

Our RE topic for the next two terms focuses on Judaism. The children will find out about Jewish celebrations and traditions and the important tenets of this religion, with the learning centred around what is like to be Jewish in Britain today.

Science

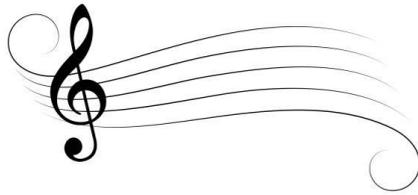
For Term 5, we will be learning about plants: what plants need to grow and what each part of a plant is for. We will be planting seeds and watching carefully as the seeds develop into young plants. Aiming to plant vegetables, we will be using our crops in order to make seasonal soups and salads.

Our Term 6 topic returns to materials and their properties as we explore why certain materials are suited to a particular task



Art and Design Technology

We have a number of exciting art and design projects in store this term, initially based on Van Gogh's sunflowers. Later we will explore Turner's seascapes. In DT we will enjoy building boats and experimenting with making different types of bird feeder.



Music

This term our musical focus will concentrate on songs that tell the stories that we are working on in class. We will be accompanying with percussion and learning about how our voices can make different sounds.

Reading

We will read with your child in school daily in RWI and at other times during the week, but the more you can read with your child at home, the more progress that they will make.

Practise the red words that are sent home on a sheet from your child's RWI group. These words are words that the children should be able to recognise and read with speed, without sounding out. Please also practise these for spelling.

Do make sure that you re-read your child's reading book focusing on their reading fluency, but reading a book to them, listening to audio books and talking about stories are just as important!



Can you help?

We would like to do lots of planting this term, but there is no budget to support us in this. We would be most grateful for any donations of seeds or seedlings and potting compost. At the same time, we have plans to improve our outside area and are looking for some decking planks that we can use to build planters.

Anything that you can share will be much appreciated!

Should you have any questions about your child's learning, then do come in and see us. Use Class Dojo or email us at:

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Alternatively make an appointment via Mrs Hollis in the office.

