

PLANT POWER AND MARVELLOUS MATERIALS



Year Two
Mrs Merrick
Summer Term 2025



Welcome back to school and to the Summer Term. We have lots of learning, love and laughter ahead of us, including exploring nature and the great outdoors. In Summer 1 we will learn all about plants and investigate what they need to grow in our topic, "Plant Power". In Summer 2, we will use our topic, "Marvellous Materials" to study different materials, their properties and uses. We will study the history of Cornish mining and have a school trip to a tin mine!

Literacy

We will use our 'Plant Power' and 'Marvellous Materials' topics to inspire us in our literacy lessons. We will work on our narrative writing, as well as non-fiction writing, looking at how to write an explanation text and a recount. We will continue to work on spelling, grammar and punctuation as well as handwriting. This term we will continue to learn the different joins required to join letters.

Mathematics

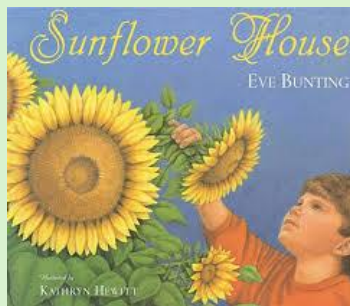
In Summer 1 we will finish studying length and height before moving on to learn about mass, capacity and temperature and then fractions. In Summer 2 we will move on to learning all about time, followed by statistics then position and direction. Please continue to support your child to work on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Science

In Science, we will observe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and find out what they need to grow and stay healthy. We will compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials and find out how the shapes of solid objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Spellings

We will continue to have a new spelling rule to learn every week as well as high frequency and common exception words. A spelling check will take place every Monday. Please look in Spelling Books for the weekly list of words to work on and use Spelling Shed online to practise these at home. Login details can be found in Spelling Books.



Home Challenge

We would like the children to create a project which they will present to the class, linked to either of our two topics. Children can create a model, poster, painting, poem, slideshow or anything they choose and will need to bring it in to school to present the week beginning **Monday 23rd June**. Parents are invited to join us in the classroom at 3pm on **Thursday 26th June** to celebrate the children's learning from the Summer term.

Foundation Subjects

We will use our plant and materials topics as a basis for teaching all about the following in our foundation subjects:

History – The history of Cornish mining.

Geography – Weather and climate.

D&T- Wheel and axle mechanisms.

Art – Sculpture and using clay to create 3D artwork.

Music- Duration, unison and round, rock n' roll, structure and timbre.

Computing – Digital media and internet safety.

RE – Christianity and the 'Good News' and sacred places.

Personal Development – Families and relationships and our changing bodies.

PE – Turning and spinning actions with directional change.



Reading at Home

Please support your child at home by hearing them read their phonics or library book regularly and reading their library book to share with them. Phonics books will be changed on a three day cycle in line with phonics lessons. Library books can be changed when finished and written about in Reading Journals. Library books to share can be changed every Thursday.