

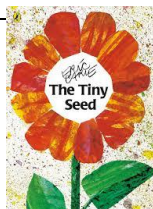
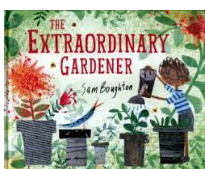
Pepperpots Class Newsletter Spring 2 2026

Our topic for this half term is 'Down on the Farm.'

English

This term in English, we are using the scheme 'Literacy Tree.' Our first text is 'The Extraordinary Gardener' by Sam Boughton. The children go on a nature walk, gathering objects from nature if possible/appropriate. Upon return to class, they are invited to use their imaginations by imagining being back outside. A copy of The Extraordinary Gardener by Sam Boughton appears and the story is shared in stages. The children have opportunities to create labels; create an imaginary plant or creature; plant seeds; give a character advice in the form of a letter and write instructions before going on to write a narrative with a similar theme (that of doing something extraordinary and spreading joy) to the shared text.

Our second text is 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle'. The children plant a range of seeds and write instructions for seed-planting before sharing the story The Tiny Seed. They write in role as the little seed, sing a Story Song and then write in the past tense. After exploring the idea of being small but managing to overcome adversity and grow big and strong, the children think about what they would like to become when they are grown up. A letter arrives from The Tiny Seed asking for help with giving other seeds advice.

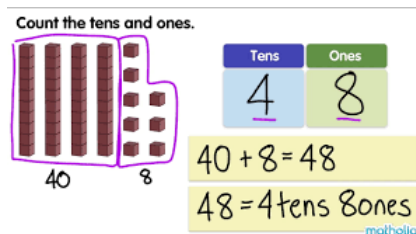


Maths

Reception – In maths, Reception children will be doing units of work from our White Rose Maths scheme. These are: Growing 6, 7, 8, length, height and time, building 9 and 10 and explore 3D shapes.

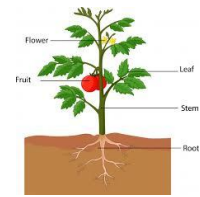


This term in Year 1, the children are focusing on place value within 50 length and height and mass and volume. We are going to have a real focus on understanding the value of the digits in 2- digit numbers and will use lots of manipulatives during lessons.



Science / Understanding the World

This term, our Year 1 scientists are going to be learning all about plants. Children will learn to name the basic parts of a plant, including seeds. They will have the opportunity to plant their own seeds and to make observations of how they grow over time. Children will also learn to identify, name and describe a variety of garden and wild plants as well as evergreen and deciduous trees. In their final lesson, the children will use all of their knowledge gained throughout the topic to identify, compare and classify plants.



Phonics

Children have been put into groups which are also now on Dojo. Each group will focus on the sounds and learning to meet their individual needs.



Geography

In Geography we will compare a town to the countryside and understand the geographical vocabulary to describe the key human and physical features. We will learn about different types of farms and how we get lots of our food from farmers.



Art & Design

This term in Art & Design we will be using pastels to create a picture of the Swans in Monet's Garden. We will learn about how Monet was a significant artist and how he used colour and pattern in his garden paintings. We will learn and understand how to use pastels to create a variety of lines, shapes, and textures.



PSED (Heart Smart)

The focus for this half term is 'Don't hold on to what's wrong.'

We will learn how to be a super friend and the importance of listening to one another. We will learn how to use words that are kind when talking to our friends. We will also learn about the importance of saying sorry.



RE

This term, we are still focusing on our Understanding Christianity scheme thinking about Salvation and the question – Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden? We will learn about Holy Week including Palm Sunday, Good Friday, building up to Easter. We will also be performing an Easter service on Friday 27th March (more details to follow).



Music

We will focus on farm themed music sessions this half term. We will use our listening skills to listen to individual sounds, learn and sing interactive songs, learn rhymes and play listening games.



PE

This term, the children will explore fundamental movement skills in the church with a 'down on the farm' theme.

On Thursdays Mr Jones will continue **multisport outdoors with a focus on football. The children will also be** developing skills in a range of games and activities. These sessions help build coordination, rhythm, creativity, confidence, teamwork, and self-expression.



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to message on dojo or see us at the door.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss JC, Miss Bradford & Mrs Mulligan