

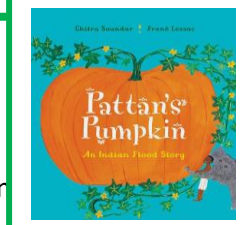
Our Learning next half term

Rivers and Waterways

Plants

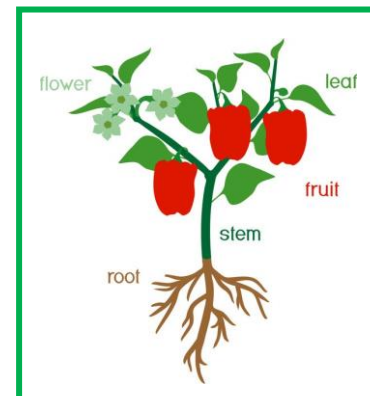
English:

Through our work on Pattan's Pumpkin this half term, we will learn to talk confidently about a picture book and respond to it in a range of ways. We will explore important themes of community, perseverance and determination and use these themes to underpin our writing which will include a set instructions, a diary, a letter of advice and a leaflet. Our writing will be supported by exploring the story through a variety of teaching approaches including role on the wall, writing in role, drama and role play.



Reading:

We will be exploring a range of texts through a strategy called VIPERS. VIPERS stands for the reading skills: **V**ocabulary, **I**nference, **P**rediction, **E**xplanation, **R**etrieval and **S**ummarise. These are the key areas which we feel children need to know and understand in order to improve their comprehension of texts



Science:

Plants

This half term we will be learning about plants. We will explore parts of the plant and about how each part has a different job and what they need to grow and survive. Later we will investigate the conditions of the plant and explore what happens when we leave a plant in the dark. We will also learn about how seeds move and the process of water transportation.

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We will be designing mini greenhouses and think about which materials we will need to create this. We will investigate the different materials and think about how a stable structure will make our greenhouses effective. Afterwards, we will evaluate our mini greenhouses and think about how we can improve our design.

Geography

We will be learning about rivers and waterways this half term. We will be exploring the features of the river and learn about the river's journey. In particular, we will look at the River Aire to identify physical and human features using aerial photographs. We will also be using a compass to locate rivers on a map using the 8 points of a compass and 4 figure grid references.

Project

We want our children to be super creative over the holidays. We'd like all the children in year 3 to have a go at some of these ideas. What could you put on your class display?

- **Research** – Create and illustrate a mind map all plants.
- **Picture** – Draw a diagram of a river.
- **Writing** – Can you explain the parts of the plant and its jobs?
- **Reading** – Find some information about Rivers and Waterways.
- **Model** – Make model of a mini greenhouse.
- **Drama** – Imagine you are a plant, what would you need to survive?
- **Make** – Make a mini greenhouse with any recycle materials.

Do anything fun and creative and tell us about it. Post pictures on your class Purple Mash blog or just write about what you have done.

How you can support your child at home

Having conversations with your child is so very important please take the time to talk with them about current news events and anything that is important to your family. **It is also essential that you continue to take the time to read with your child and practice times tables with them daily.**

Links to websites

www.purplemash.com – Purple Mash

www.sumdog.com – Sum Dog

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk & <https://go-read.co.uk/> – Bug Club & Go Read

www.trockstars.com – Time Table Rockstars

www.mymaths.co.uk – My Maths

www.spellingshed.com – Spelling Shed

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround - News & current affairs for children

www.kids-world-travel-guide.com – Children's views of different parts of the world

<https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/7-11-years/> - Information and learning all about food

Key Vocabulary

Practice key vocabulary with your child.

Science

- Root
- Stem
- Flower
- Pollination
- Seed Dispersal
- Nutrients
- Water Transportation
- Leaves
- Branches
- Pollen
- Nectar

Geography

- Rivers
- Water Cycle
- Settlements
- River Aire
- Upper Course
- Middle Course
- Lower Course
- Human Features
- Physical Features
- Compass
- Source
- River Mouth

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- Materials
- Stable
- Structure
- Design
- Plan
- Transparent
- Shape
- Frame

All your teachers can't wait to welcome you all back happy, healthy and safe after the half term break. Mrs Bedford, Miss Bhalla, Miss Panna & Miss Akmal.