

Y5 Newsletter



Sow, Grow, Farm –a global farming adventure

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term 2021



Our term continues with a new topic, a new focus and an opportunity to become geographers: a chance to think about the environment, discuss the use of land around us and take this to a global scale. Our necessary work in going over mathematical concepts, grammatical elements in writing and encouraging reading for enjoyment will be present throughout -as always.

In the Sow, Grow and Farm project, your child will learn about allotments in the United Kingdom and how the government encouraged people to have them to support food rationing during the Second World War. They will learn about food webs and animal life cycles, including how living things are dependent on one another within a habitat. They will investigate the different ways that plants reproduce and will dissect flowering plants to identify the different structures. They will have the opportunity to learn about farming in the United Kingdom and the techniques used in modern farming, including the challenges that farmers face. They will learn about the benefits of eating seasonally and about the pros and cons of importing food. They will also learn about world farming and how the different climate zones affect where different foods can be grown.

In English we will use the fabulous book, *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross Mackenzie, to excite us and inspire story writing. It is a bit dark and mysterious with themes of loss, bullying and growth. It's an emotional rollercoaster. It will also help us with work on our spellings, punctuation and grammar (SPaG!!) and of course vocabulary.

Over the next few weeks we are lucky enough to meet five authors from books many children are reading as part of the Library Story Book Awards 2021. I include a list of the books on the next page. The children will be asked to vote for their favourite book at end of June.

Mathematics will continue to build on previous knowledge. We will work on geometry: properties of shapes and angles, symmetry and coordinates. It would be wonderful (and very helpful) to practice measuring angles with your child, using a protractor.

We will continue to use extra time for 'check ups' and the practice of basic skills and KIRFs. Our KIRF this half term is to recall the factor pairs of a number. Factor pairs of 12: 3,4 2,6...

Special Events

Author Zooms

7th and 8th, 14th and 15th of June in the afternoons.

Friday, 18th June and 16th July

Year 5 Go Canoeing, Hunston Canal
We combine canoeing with other outdoor activities like sketching, mapping and canal dipping. Please check the separate letter that came out last half term, detailing clothing needed (nothing special), lunch and drop off times by the canal. Have you cancelled school lunches -if appropriate?

Homework

I would love the children to design their own farm (arable, animal, mixed). Activity: Design your own farm. Draw a detailed map of it, label it, give it a name -you could make a model of your farm too. But you need to think about the land use on your farm -fields of crops (what crops?), fields for animals, buildings (machinery, farmhouse, milking parlour...), pathways (private or access to the public). To be achieved by Monday, 5th July for presentations that week.

Our weekly practice homework (maths, spelling/handwriting or grammar) will continue. You will also find a list of topic home activities for your child to work on as well on Remote School.



I think summer is here at last!
Enjoy! Sarah Gill

Jigsaw PSHE: Changing Me

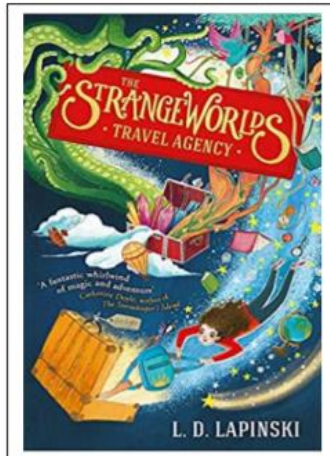
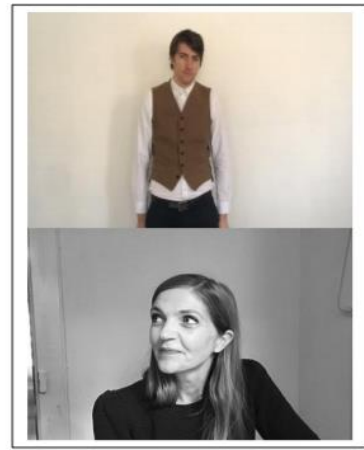


Jigsaw PSHE, guides us through the Changing Me unit which involves thinking about our body image and about puberty and our feelings. This unit also includes Relationships and sex education (RSE) discussing physical attraction, respect and consent and boyfriends and girlfriends.

Library Story Book Awards 2021

Zoom Author Events

Monday, 7th June 2pm



Tuesday, 8th June 1pm

Monday, 14th June 1pm



Tuesday, 15th June 2pm

