

The Scented Garden

Year 2's Curriculum Newsletter

Let's tiptoe through the tulips together and discover the sights, sounds and smells of the garden.

This half term, we'll find out how to look after plants and appreciate flowers. We'll write an information book about plants, follow instructions, enjoy the story of The Magic Brush and write stories of our own. Discovering our green fingers will be fun when we plant and tend a pizza garden of herbs. We'll also learn about the different parts of a plant and create our own 'planting and growing' action rhyme. Our senses will help us describe and sort a range of smells and we'll make beautifully scented products. We'll look closely at a wide variety of plants, create detailed, observational drawings and press real flowers to use in collages.

At the end of our project, we will have become plant experts! We'll create a presentation about plants, share the information books that we have made and design a fantasy garden.

ILP focus	Science
English	Fantasy stories – The Magic Brush (see adapted text below)
Science	Plants
Mathematics	Time - quarter past, quarter to, telling the time in 5 minute intervals, 2D and 3D shapes, fractions - half, quarter, equivalent, thirds, money - add and subtract writing amounts, finding equivalent amounts using coins and notes, change, continue with add / subtract / division and multiplication and times tables 2/3/5/10
Art & design	Observational drawing, sculpture, flower-pressing
Computing	Presenting information
D&T	Making fragrant products
Geography	Plants in the local environment, plants of the world
Music	Action rhymes
RE	Wesak https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh4mri6/articles/zbsp92p
Rights Respecting	Global Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Help your child prepare for their project

Gardens are so special and are an excellent place to visit together. Why not take close-up photographs of flowers and use a plant identification app or spotting guide to find the name of each plant? You could also buy some wild flower seeds and watch them grow. Alternatively, bake recipes containing fragrant herbs and spices! Cheese and chive scones, cinnamon biscuits and lavender cakes are all delicious.

Year 2's Notices

- Read with your child every day and ask your child questions about what they have read.
- Practise phonics using the online resources.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Year 2 Staff

The Magic Paintbrush

Long ago there lived a poor boy called Chang.

He loved drawing but Chang was so poor, he couldn't afford a paintbrush. One night a man dressed in a silver cloak spoke to him. "You're a kind boy. I am giving you a magic paintbrush. Use it to help the poor." He painted the shape of a butterfly and to his amazement it came to life.

He ran to the village to see how he could help the poor.

First, he painted a donkey to help a mother to carry her things.

Next, he painted an ox to help a farmer pull his cart.

After that, he painted a spade for an old lady to weed her garden.

Every day he found a new use for the paintbrush.

Unluckily, the emperor heard of Chang and his magic paintbrush. He ordered him to paint a field of gold. Instead I'll draw the sea with a tiny island in the distance he thought.

"Where's my field of gold?" shouted the emperor, angrily.

"Just here," said Chang, drawing a tiny field on the island.

"Paint me a boat so that I can travel to the island," snarled the emperor. He climbed into the boat and set sail. "Paint stronger wind," roared the emperor.

So Chang drew a storm. Suddenly, the waves grew rougher and rougher until the boat capsized and the emperor disappeared.

In the end, Chang drew a white horse and rode home to tell his friends what had happened to the emperor who wanted too much for himself.