

Term 5– How Does Your Garden Grow?

Spring has sprung and we are hoping to enjoy better weather as we get outdoors for our next topic, 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' Our first text this term is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story and it will be used as a starting point to learn about the lifecycle of a butterfly. Meanwhile, each class has got five real caterpillars to observe. The children are so excited to be watching them grow and will be releasing them into the wild soon. If you have not seen the caterpillars, take a look at the recent photographs on Class Dojo. Children will then move on to find out about the lifecycle of a plant and will be planting sunflower seeds as well as creating sunflower paintings. Finally, children will read 'Mad About Minibeasts' and explore the school South Site to identify some.

Phonics:

This term, children will be consolidating their knowledge of the digraphs we have learnt so far (those sounds which are made up of two letters) and using them while spelling.

Some children will be starting the red ditty story books as some move on to the green story books. Writing short captions/sentences will be a focus.

Please remember to practise reading the book we provide in your child's book bag or on Oxford Owl each day. Five to ten minutes on a regular basis is best.

Mathematics:

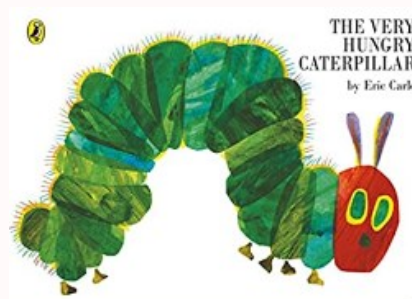
Children are still enjoying using the Numberblocks as part of their Mathematics lessons. This term, the Numberblocks will be exploring how to count in 2s and how to subtract two. There will be lots of comparison of number using the terms 'greater than' and 'less than.' We will also introduce finding the difference.



ClassDojo

ClassDojo is a platform that teachers use to communicate information about learning with videos and pictures. We are pleased to find out about your child's achievements outside of school and this may be documented on ClassDojo alongside their achievements in the Academy. If your child has to access remote education, it will be through ClassDojo and the class teacher will ensure remote learning is provided as soon as possible from their absence.

The happiness of your child is most important to us. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.



Please keep checking your ParentHub account for other important communication. Our website also has key information regarding the Academy. More in depth planning can be found under www.huntingtowerprimary.co.uk

OUR ROUTINES

P.E	WEDNESDAYS	P.E-please wear Academy PE kit for the day and have earrings removed or covered with plasters.
Read-ing	EVERYDAY	Please write in the red Reading Record.

Children should come to school each day with a book bag, appropriate coat and a school water bottle (no squash or fizzy drinks). Could we ask that water bottles **are not** put in book bags. Please carry them separately.

As the warmer weather arrives, please ensure children still bring a coat for those cooler mornings and rain showers. Sun hats will be needed on hotter days and sun cream applied before school please.