

PLACES OF INTEREST RELATED TO THIS TOPIC

Science Museum

Vauxhall City Farm

Kew Gardens

USEFUL WEBSITES RELATED TO THIS TOPIC

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Spring/PlantsGrowInSpring.aspx?age=ks2>

<http://interactivesites.weebly.com/plants.html>

HOW CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

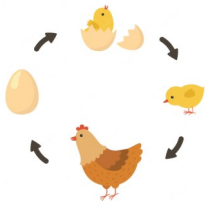
Talk: Talk to your child about what they are learning in school. Ask them questions and encourage them to explain their answers in full sentences.

Read: Reading every day will ensure that your child develops a love of literature as well as help them with hearing sounds in words which will help them with their writing.

Home learning: Talk them through their home learning and make sure they have a dedicated space at home where they can sit to complete it. Make sure your child completes their home learning every week.

Sleep: Getting a good night's sleep is vital for young children. The NHS recommends that children at age 5 should be getting 11 hours sleep per night.

Numbots: QM has a school subscription to [Numbots](#), which is a great app for children to use to practice **remembering key number facts**. Please ask for login details.



TOPIC OVERVIEW

This half term our topic is The World All Around Me!

We will be learning all about plants and what they need to grow by planting lots of different seeds. We will also be looking at the life cycle of humans as well as the life cycle of a chick.

In English, we will be reading 'Growing Frogs'. We will be retelling this story orally and in writing, as well as creating a life cycle of ourselves. We will then be reading 'The Extraordinary Gardener' and writing healthy recipes using the vegetables growing in our garden.

In maths, we will be building and exploring numbers beyond 10 and beginning to develop adding and subtracting skills using the first, then, now structure.

IN THIS TOPIC, WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR PUPILS TO...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
Think about the perspectives of others.
Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing such as understanding and making healthy food choices.

Communication and Language

Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. Describe events in some detail.
Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

Physical Development

Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace.
Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.

Literacy

Write short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences using a capital letter and full stop. Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.

Maths

Subitise. Count and build numbers beyond 10.
Begin to add and subtract using the first, then, now structure.
Select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills.

Understanding the World

Explore the natural world around us by observing and drawing animals and plants.
Drawing on our own experiences of the natural world around us.
Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around us.

Expressive Arts and Design

Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.
Develop storylines in their pretend play.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Uniform reminder: All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name. It is not enough to put a mark on a jumper. Your child must be able to recognise their own name clearly.

PE: PE will continue to be on Wednesdays, Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit.

Library Books: We will visit the library each week on a Thursday. Children will only be able to take a new book when they return the old one from home, we change books on Fridays please remember to bring books in every Friday!

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHER

We hope that you have had a lovely spring break and that you are as excited as we are to be back for the summer term. The World All Around Me is an exciting topic filled with lots of first hand learning experiences which we are sure that the children will enjoy. We can not wait to see the children's fantastic progress continue into the summer term.