

**As writers and communicators...** we will be consolidating basic writing skills including:

- Writing sentences for different purposes by using commands, statements and questions in our writing.
- Spelling all Y2 common exception words correctly
- Correct letter formation including some joins.

Our purpose of writing this half term is to practice and enhance writing for purposes that we have looked at before. We are going to start with instructional writing, including imperative verbs and time adverbials, before moving on to writing alternative narrative. We are then going to use the story 'The Secret Sky Garden' to explore different characters and settings, using expanded noun phrases throughout.

**As readers** we are practising accuracy and fluency through a mixture of whole class reading opportunities, group guided reading and individual reading sessions. We are also developing our retrieval and inference skills as we think about what a text means. We have been practicing our comprehension skills by pulling specific and useful information

**As geologists we will be...**

Looking into the country of China and comparing the human and physical features of China to England and the United Kingdom. We will be focusing on the city of 'Shanghai' and what it is like to live there compared to where we live.

#### KEY DATES (Summer 1)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Clubs restart  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April- Year 2 NFER Reading Tests  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – SEN coffee morning  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Musical Soiree  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Close for Spring Bank Holiday  
**K&I Celebration Assemblies – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> May.**  
Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the most up to date diary dates.

**As Artists we will be...**

Consolidating our art skills learned in Autumn by using clay, practicing skills in our art books and drawing FOR FUN!

## Great Oaks

### Summer 1

### 2024



### How can we grow the tallest beanstalk?

**As computer scientists we will be...**

Learning about impressionism art and using 2PaintaPicture to create our own. Using programmes to make simple music.

**As mathematicians we will be...**using the skills we learned in multiplication and division and applying this to our fractions. We are looking at recognising and finding quarters and thirds and unit and non-unit fractions. We are also looking at mass, capacity and temperature. We then move on to looking at telling the time by quarter past and quarter to, as well as finding out about the hours and minutes in a day.

**As scientists we will be...**

We will be learning about the topic 'Growing Up'. This topic includes a range of knowledge, firstly about bulbs and seeds, and then about the different life cycles of humans, mammals, amphibians and a butterfly. We will be closely observing the life cycle of a butterfly over a few weeks and recording the changes we see. This will continue into Summer 2.

**As musicians we will be...** focusing on the key question 'How does Music Make us Happy?'

**As health and well-being experts we will be...** practicing physical skills as well as starting our Gymnastics unit.

In PSHE we will be learning about why money matters and how we can save and spend appropriately.

**As theologians we will be...**

Learning about Jesus and what he taught to people and how he lived. This topic will look at pieces from the bible and explore the different eulogies. It is a long topic that continues into Summer 2.