

# KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TERM 5 NEWSLETTER 2021



### YEAR THREE

April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of a new term.

#### **Our Topic**

*Term 5: Plants*

In this topic, children will revise the names of the main parts of a plant (root, stem/trunk, leaf and flower) and learn their functions, and how these relate to their appearance and structure.

They will also learn about the absorption and transport of water and nutrients, and the role of the leaf in making food for the plant. They will learn about the parts of the flower, their roles in plant reproduction and the stages of the life cycle of a flowering plant.

When working scientifically, children will ask and answer their own questions about plants through classifying and observing over time. They will continue to understand the need for a fair test and will have opportunities to make and record detailed observations, using labelled and annotated diagrams.

#### **Collins Big Cat ebook suggestions**

##### **Mega Plants**

Steve Parker

ISBN 978008163792

##### **Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk**

David Wood

ISBN 978-0-00-722875-1

#### **Maths and English**

In maths lessons, children will be learning about column addition and subtraction, consecutive numbers, place value, ordering and comparing larger numbers, as well as multiplication and division facts. They will also be learning about vertical, horizontal, parallel and perpendicular lines linked to 2D shapes and will be looking at solving fraction problems including tenths. The children will be learning about measuring capacity using millilitres and litres also.

In order to support your child, you could measure liquids and their capacity at home, practise counting forwards and backwards in numbered steps, and using basic column addition and subtraction.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the: **8 times table**

x2 x10 x5 x4 x3 x8 x6 x9 x7 x11 x12 p1

In English, we will be learning about: *persuasive texts linked to the environment, non-chronological reports in the form of information leaflets, explanation texts linked to plants and their functions, adventure stories building tension and poetry including Haiku poems.*

To support your child, you could discuss how plants make their own food, how they grow and reproduce. Also, think about how stories build tension; what words are used to help create that feeling?

The spellings your child will be learning this term may be accessed through the school website; it would be useful if you would help your child learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

#### **PE**

Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday/Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers.

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For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

#### Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, spellings and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework please come and see us as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

*Miss Hodson and Miss Taylor*  
Year Three Class Teachers

#### Important dates

- 3.5.21 Bank Holiday – School Closed
- 17.5.21 – 21.5.21 Sponsored Walk Week
- 25.05.21 Class Photos
- 28.5.21 Last Day of Term 5
- 7.6.21 First Day of Term 6
- 14.7.21 Y3 and Y4 Sports Afternoon
- 20.7.21 Reports Sent Home
- 22.7.21 Children Meet their New Teacher
- 22.7.21 Last day of Term 6
- 1.9.21 First day of Term 1

### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

- Look at different examples of plants and make a fact file. You could use the example below to help you.
- You could make a model plant with labels naming the parts. How creative can you be? Use the example below to give you some inspiration.
- You can create your own Plant Care kit, informing people how to look after plants and keep them healthy.
- To help your child you could visit this website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aladpRIVdRI>  
This will explain what plants need to survive in general, as well as those carnivorous plants.
- This video clip is about parasitic plants, which show other ways that some plants survive.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwfhYYnmLYM>
- When outside or travelling to and from school you can have a discussion with you child about the different plants and leaves that you see on the way.

Some fun facts:

- Some plants are predators and not just there to look and smell pretty for our pleasure.
- The Venus flytrap, sundew plant, pitcher plant and bladderwort plant catch flies and insects for their prey. Yum!
- Some tropical pitcher plants are even large enough to catch small lizards and mammals such as rats!
- Even fungi can be predatory, infecting their prey and slowly growing inside them. Fungi can attack flies, grasshoppers, locusts and moth pupae.
- Our final question to answer:  
What is a pitcher plant? What does it look like? **2 House Points if you can let us know this.**



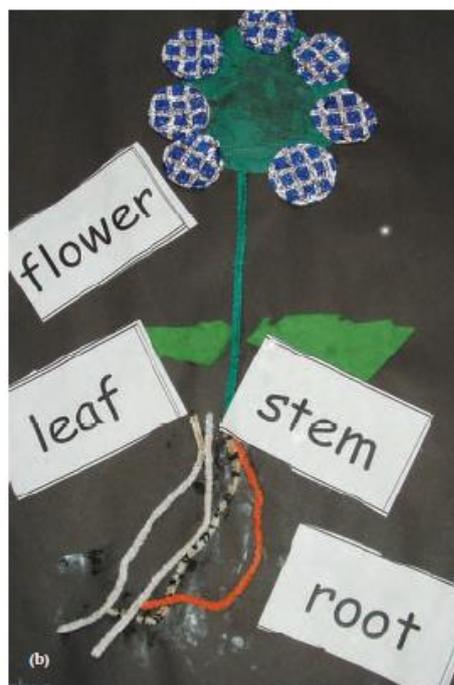
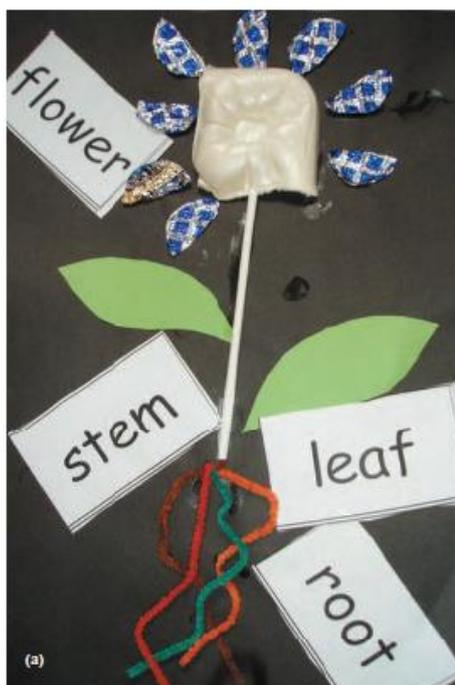
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Create a Model Plant

Have a look at the examples below, and the examples of the materials you could use.

Here are some ideas for materials that you could use:

Part of plant	Possible materials
Stem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hollow pipe insulating foam</li> <li>• card tubing from foil/cling film</li> <li>• drinking straws</li> </ul>
Roots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• long 'art' pipe cleaners</li> <li>• string</li> <li>• wool</li> </ul>
Flower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• coffee filter (can be coloured)</li> <li>• cake cases</li> <li>• cake doily</li> <li>• milk bottle tops</li> <li>• paper plates</li> </ul>
Leaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• card/paper</li> </ul>



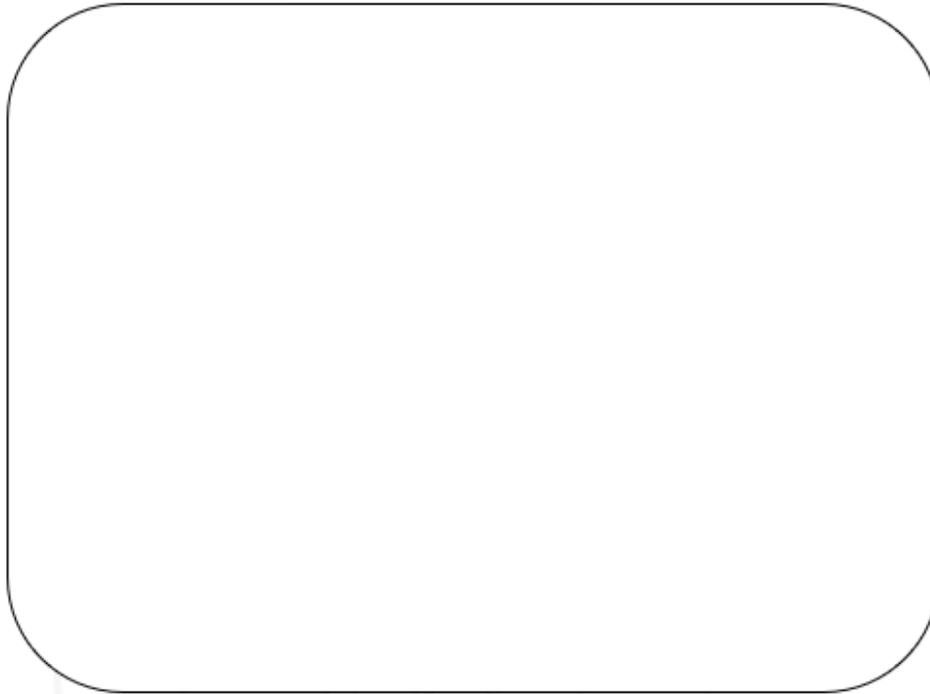


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**Plant Fact File**



Habitat:

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Colour:

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Height:

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Description:

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