

Year 2 Topic Overview – Locks Heath Infant School

Topic Title: Sowing and Growing		Timescale: Summer 1 - 5 weeks	
<p>Our Learning Journey: The children will be introduced to Jack and the Beanstalk text drivers, which will link to the Topic ‘Sowing and Growing.’ They will consider how giants are portrayed in books and what their characteristics are. They will use these to write a ‘Trouble with Giants’ poem. They will also write a description of the Giant’s castle. During Science we will consider how flowers grow through pollination and seed dispersal. We will be using our school grounds to gain an understanding of this.</p>		<p>Learning Value Whole School Focus: Never Giving Up (Determination and Resilience). We will be using all the characters to help us understand this learning value in more detail and at different times.</p> <p>Other Learning Value Opportunities: Everyone Caring: showing empathy and respect for our environment. Seeking to Find Out: finding out about how new plants are made. Working Together: completing a PowerPoint on a subject of their own choice.</p>	
<p>Hooks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text Drivers: ‘Trust Me Jack’s Beanstalk Stinks’ by Mara Alperin Jack and the Beanstalk by Eric Braun ‘The Trouble with Dragons’ poem 		<p>SMSC Focus: Spiritual reflecting upon and appreciating our wonderful world and surroundings. Cultural: celebrating the Queen’s Jubilee. Moral: considering whether Jack was right in going into the Giant’s Castle and taking his things. Social: understanding and showing what a ‘good’ relationship is.</p>	
<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To investigate how new plants are made • To consider what happens after a plant has produced seeds • To draw a flowering plant life cycle 	<p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To write a poem • To write a description of a castle 	<p>Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sketch detailed drawings of shells • To use sweeping gestures on large paper to create bubbles • To draw portraits of the Queen 	
<p>Computing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create a PowerPoint choosing layout, font style, size and colour • To add images, text boxes and insert new slides 	<p>PHSE - Jigsaw: Relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know how to make friends, solve friendship problems and support others when they are upset, hurt or do not feel part of the group 	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamics (loud, quiet and silence) • Timbre (identify different percussion sounds and how they are made) • To rehearse and learn the song ‘A tree in the Wood’ 	