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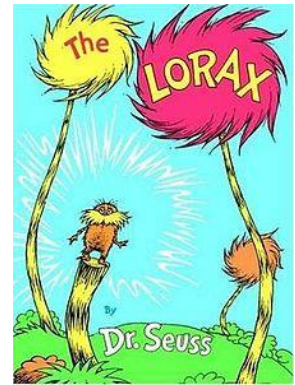
## Year 2 Topic Letter – Spring 2024

# Seeds and Thneeds

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a restful break. The children have settled back into Year 2 really well and we are all excited about our new topic. This term, our topic will be **Science** based and will focus on plants and habitats. Having travelled around the world last term, we will now be focussing on our local area.

In **English**, the children have begun the topic by writing animal poems using descriptive language. Our other English units will be as follows: we will be using the Dr Seuss book 'The Lorax' as the inspiration for our own writing. We will find out what a Thneed is, write setting descriptions and learn about persuasive writing. We will also be reading the story 'The Extraordinary Gardener', by Sam Boughton, and writing narratives based on the perspective of one of the characters in the book. We will also do some non-fiction writing linked to the book 'Instructions' by Neil Gaiman.



We will be exploring plants in our **Science** lessons. Observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will use our local environment to find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. Children will develop their questioning and recording skills investigating plants.

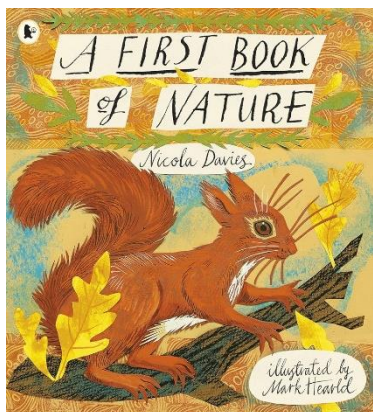
In **Geography** and **History** this term, we will focus on our local area. The children will find out how London and Camden have changed throughout history by studying maps and aerial photographs. We will learn about significant individuals and think about how our area has changed or stayed the same over time. We will be doing some work around compass directions and maps in Geography, where the children will be making maps of our school and thinking about how to improve the school site.



Our **Art** and **DT** will be around plants and nature this term. We will study key artists such as Alma Thomas, Yayoi Kusama and Claude Monet, looking at how nature inspires their work and making some of our own artwork based on this. In DT we will be designing and making bird feeders, as part of our work around improving our local environment. We will also do a project making a moving vehicle for a character from 'The Lorax'.

In **Maths**, we will continue to follow the National Curriculum and White Rose. Our units this term will be around money, multiplication and division, length and height and mass, capacity and temperature. The children will continue to work with numbers to 100. Children will be learning to recognise and count coins and notes and to use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

This term we will have **PE** sessions on Mondays with coach Keeley and on Tuesdays with Arsenal. Children must wear or bring in trainers on these days. Please be aware most Arsenal sessions will take place outside.



Please continue to read with your children daily and use the reading diary for a record of what they have read. The children will continue to change their books once a week (usually on Thursday or Friday), an up to date table of reading groups can be found on the classroom door.

**It is so important that children have their book bags, including their reading diaries, in school every day. Please remember to return any books your child has borrowed from school each week so that they can be swapped for new ones.**

### **Important Dates**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – trip to Camley Street Natural Park

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – trip to Keats library

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year Two Class Tea

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year Two Class Assembly

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – trip to Hampstead Heath for maps workshop (morning only)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Lorax dance workshop (in school - afternoon)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – parent meetings

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of term (2pm finish)

*TBC – Trip to watch Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment following school based workshop*

We're very grateful for all the offers of parent helpers we've been receiving for trips so far this year. This term, please let myself or Lisa in the office know (in person or by email) if you're interested in helping on a trip and I will try to ensure as many different parents as possible can come along with us.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please ask at the end of the day or email [admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk) and your message will be passed on.

Kind regards,

Ruth Hanfling