

Upper School Summer Topic (homework suggestions):
Our Planet



Hello everyone,

This term we will be studying Our Planet as our topic. Here are some of the things we will be covering throughout the topic:

- Traditional Tales
- Poetry
- Environment- looking after our planet, including litter and recycling
- Where does our food come from
- Relationships and change
- Data Handling
- Farming and Growing
- Plant parts
- Life Cycle
- Growing Conditions
- ICT- Drawing Pictures
- Data handling
- Flowers- pressing, collage
- World music

Here are some things you can do at home to support this learning for homework:

- Read different Fairytales like Snow White, Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel. You could then also watch them on television and discuss how they are similar and different.
- Visit your local library and ask an assistant if they have any fairtales from different countries around the world.
- Grow a plant from seeds, either in the garden or on a window sill.
- Keep a weekly diary of the plant they are growing, either by drawing pictures or taking photographs.
- Look at flowers as they grow, smell them and talk about their colours.
- Grow herbs and smell them and use them in cooking.
- Do a shopping list of fruit and vegetables together with the children and find them in the shops.
- Look at food wrappers and find out where in the world the food has come from. If you find something from far away bring in your clean wrappers to school to find out if your food has come from further away than your friends.
- Ask the children if different fruits and vegetables grow under ground or above ground.

- Visit farmers markets and farm shops and discuss the different food items they find there- where do they come from?
- Cook simple meals with them, encouraging them to slice, grate, spread and mix different foods with adult supervision.
- Go onto YouTube listen to different styles of music from around the world like India, South America, The USA (Jazz), Ireland.
- Discuss litter in the streets and parks encourage the children to keep their own rubbish until they can find a bin.
- Include the children in organising your household recycling.
- Take water outside and encourage the children to make mud pies and mud pictures.
- Go on a 'wild walk' and ask the children to collect some of the things they find there. They could display them on a windowsill or make a collage out of them.
- Have a 'Listening Moment'- what things can you hear when you are quiet in the kitchen/ the forest/ street/ bedroom.
- Take them strawberry and fruit picking.

Here are some websites that offer some ideas for activities for all children and add a sensory aspect.

www.kidsactivitiesblog.com/author/quirky-momma

www.theimaginationtree.com

www.learning4kids.net

www.activityvillage.co.uk

www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk

www.redtedart.com

www.50things.org.uk