

Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term and would like to welcome you back to school for **Term 4**. This term, our topic is based around the question **'How Does Your Garden Grow?'** where children will be learning all about plants and gardens. In English, we will be exploring the book 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle to help the children in writing instructions on How to plant a seed. Maths will see the children developing their understanding of fractions, turns and money with number bonds to 10 being a starter for arithmetic for continuous practice. Through Science, we will be examining 'plants' by looking at different plants in our local environment, learning the basic structure of a plant and tree, being able to name common trees and plants and understand what a plant needs to grow. We will be growing our own plants and keeping a plant diary too! Also this term, we will be rehearsing for a performance entitled **'There's a Sunflower in my Supper'** which we are extremely excited about sharing with you all in April.

Thank you for your continued support, The Year One team.

Key Dates for Year 1 4th-11th March Book share week

7th March World Book Day 7th - 12th March Book fair in school

25th March Art project 26th & 27th March Parents Evenings

28th March (tbc) Easter Church Visit 2nd April Strings Musical Roadshow

1st April 2pm & 4th April 8:45am Year One Spring Performance (more info to follow)

Date TBC Phonics Screening Parents Information Session (more information to follow)

This term our value is: Resilience.

Resilience is: never giving up even when things get tough, trying even if you're not sure you'll succeed and having the courage to come back from a failure.

What can you show resilience in?

PE Provision All pupils will require PE kits in school throughout the week suitable for both indoor and outdoor use. Each class will have 2 sessions of PE.

This term, Premier Sports will be teaching Basketball skills and we are lucky to also have Wiltshire Cricket in school on Mondays too!

Reading Please ensure your child has their reading record in school daily. Thank you.

Homework Homework will now be given out on a Monday to be returned each Friday from Week 2. Children will have a range of activities from phonics, maths, reading, and grammar activities. Please can you also read with your child at least 3 times a week and record it in their reading logs.
Many thanks.

Science Children will learn to:

- explore and answer questions about plants in our local environment.
- identify and describe seasonal changes.
- identify and name common plants and trees including deciduous and evergreen trees.
- compare, contrast and categorise plants and trees.
- identify the basic structure of plants and trees.
- observe how plants change over time.
- understand what a plant needs to survive.

Computing Children will:

- begin to use a search engine to find information.
- understand that not everything they see online is true.
- learn to save work via an app.
- learn to safely and correctly log out and shut down from any website or device.

RE Children will learn:

- how Christians celebrate their faith at Easter time.

English Children will be taught to:

- recognise features of instructional texts.
- write a set of instructions using time conjunctions, verbs, adverbs and present tense.
- order events from a story.
- use adjectives to describe their own mystery seed.

Maths Children will be taught to:

- recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.
- recognise, find and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.
- describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns.
- recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes to £20.

History / Geography Children will:

- use simple field work and observational skills to see plants in our school environment.
- compare plants from around the world.

Art / DT Children will be taught to:

- design and make their own 'seed' through papier- mache.

PE Children will be learning through:

- Cricket: Chance to Shine with Wiltshire Cricket** : Skills- Catching, throwing, striking and fielding.
- Basketball with Premier Sports: ball skills

PSHE *Healthy Me* Children will learn:

- the difference between being healthy and unhealthy and how to keep ourselves healthy.
- how to keep clean and how germs cause disease.
- how medicines can help me if I feel unwell and how to use them safely.
- how to keep safe when crossing the road.
- to say why they think their body is amazing and how they can keep it safe and healthy.

Music Children will learn to:

- sing in tune and in time to music.
- sing for enjoyment and perform in front of an audience.

How does your garden grow?