

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 2

Are you a Botanist?

This half term our topic has a history and science focus. In science we will explore the outdoor area of school and look at the plants that are growing. The children will talk about what plants they are and what they will look like when they are fully grown. We will map out the school garden area and decorate with sketches, facts and labels. The children will plant chitted potatoes and set up a garden centre in the classroom. Examine a flower and make a large model in the classroom, do leaf rubbings and then create a large piece of art on the playground floor.

In addition to the science that we will be doing, the children will also develop their history skills through conducting research into the lives of Charles Darwin and Beatrix Potter. Both are significant figures in our history and each had a very keen interest in botany.

Literacy

In Literacy we are learning about non-fiction texts and in particular 'Instructions'. We will be linking our topic work about plants to writing instructions about how beans and sunflowers are grown. We will continue to develop our phonics knowledge in Read, Write Inc.

Maths

In Maths we will be covering the following topics:

Numbers to 50

Count, read, write, identify, represent in numerals and words; recognise place value.

Addition and subtraction within 20

Comparison and difference. Represent and use number bonds; read, write, interpret and solve one-step problems.

Fractions

Recognise, find and name a half and a quarter as one of two or four equal parts respectively.

Measures: Length and mass

Compare, describe, measure, record and solve practical problems.

Come and See

Our topics for this half term are:

Eucharist – Relating: Meals

Lent – Easter/Giving

PE

PE days will remain the same as before. **PE on Monday and Wednesday afternoon.** Please make sure that your child brings their PE kit with them and that their earrings are removed if they are not able to do it themselves. As the weather improves we may go outside for our PE lessons. Please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit for this: **pumps/trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt/tracksuit top.**

Home Reading Record

Miss Connell changes reading books on **Monday and Thursday.** To help your child with their confidence in reading it is good to read the same book a couple of times as this allows them to get used to the text. ***We are not encouraging the children to change their own books in the morning or at the end of the day.***

Read, Write Inc. packs will be sent out by the groups teacher every second Thursday. Please can you return any old books that you might have.

[If you have any questions or need to see me then please either contact me via Class Dojo or catch me at the end of the day.](#)

Mrs Beckett and Miss Connell

