

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 1

### Spring 2

### Greenfingers



This term in year 1 our topic is 'Greenfingers'. As part of our learning we will be reading the books 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish', 'Pumpkin Soup' and 'Kate and the Beanstalk'. We will be writing our stories from the character's point of view. For this we will discuss how the characters in the story feel and why and relate them to our own experiences. We will be thinking about how useful plants are to us and why it is important to look after them. We will then write our own explanation text to explain how plants grow. To help us understand what a plant needs to grow, we will be growing our own plants.

#### **You can help your child at home by:**

- looking at the different plants when you walk to school or in the park
- naming any plants on your journey
- seeing and noticing how plants and the blossoms change with time
- talking about and identifying how plants are used in the house and when you're cooking.
- read with your child everyday and sign their reading records.

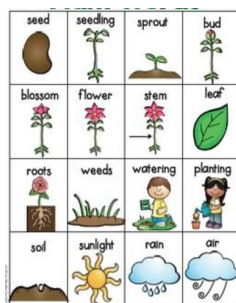
#### Key messages:

P.E days- 1MG-Tuesday and Thursday. 1MC-Wednesday and Friday

Violin is on Wednesday and Thursday so please remember to bring your violin in for these days.

*The STAR words are the key vocabulary the children will learn, understand and be able to use by the end of the term. For this term our STAR words are:*

- plants      grow      nutrients
- stem      roots      leaves
- water      dry      wet
- conditions      evergreen
- deciduous      seeds



**In Maths we will be:**

Learning to count in 2s and 5s.  
Learning about volume and using that to help us measure amounts of water correctly when watering our plants.  
Learning about length and height and measuring with different units.  
Learning about weight and understanding what is heavier and lighter.

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**In English we will be:**

Reading 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish', 'Pumpkin Soup' and 'Kate and the Beanstalk'.  
Writing letters, explanation texts and stories from a character's point of view and using adjectives, conjunctions and a variety of punctuation in our sentences.

**In Topic we will be:**

Learning about plants that grow in our local area.  
Learning about how people in different countries use plants.  
Learning about which plants grow in this country and in other countries.  
Leaf printing and designing our own print block.  
Making our own watering device.

**In PE we will be:**

Developing our passing, throwing, catching and rolling skills using different equipment. We will also be introducing gameplay in our lessons.  
P.E. will continue to be on **Wednesday and Friday (1MC)** and **Tuesday and Thursday (1MG)**.

**In RE we will be:**

Learning about Christianity and how they introduce new babies into the world through baptisms and christenings.  
Learning about the church and belonging to the faith 'Christianity'.

**In Music:**

We will be continuing to develop our skills of playing the violin and learning new songs.

**In ICT we will be:**

Word processing. Learning how to type, copy and paste.

**In Topic and Science we will be:**

Learning about parts of a plant and their functions.  
Learning about garden and wild plants and what this means.  
Going on plant hunts around the school for the garden and wild plants.  
Learning about evergreen and deciduous trees.  
Comparing different types of plants, grouping and classifying them.