

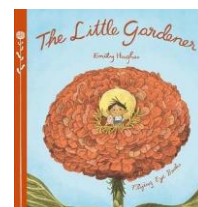
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and that your child is glad to be back at school. We are looking forward to a busy half term of learning. Here is a newsletter to update you on what is coming up this half term.



Literacy

In Literacy we are reading a book called 'The Little Gardener', which is about boy who must work very hard to keep his garden alive and well. However, no matter how hard he works, he is too little to look after the garden by himself. We will be working towards writing a letter to the Little Gardener about how we can help him and his garden. Our main objective is to begin to punctuate sentences using question marks and using the suffix -ing.



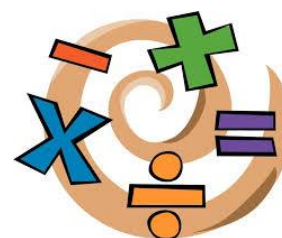
During our daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, children are in groups to help them master and develop their reading skills at their own pace. The children are making good progress. Please make sure your child continues to read their Read, Write, Inc. book at home and return them when necessary.

To develop comprehension in reading, we are continuing to use the *Talk Through Stories* programme. *Talk Through Stories* helps develop children's spoken vocabulary drawing on the best of children's literature.

Mathematics

This term we will be looking at division, fractions, and place value to 100.

All the way through our maths learning we will be applying our learning to solve real life problems. When possible, you could practise with your child their counting, number bonds, and addition and subtraction to help develop their fluency.



Science



As scientists, we will be continuing to investigate everyday materials. We will be exploring a range of materials and objects and thinking about their physical properties. We will then be moving on to looking at wild and garden plants, and deciduous and evergreen trees.

Design Technology

In Design Technology, we will be designing our own planters for our outdoor area. The main objective is designing and evaluating our creations. If you have any small shells, buttons, or string please feel free to bring them in.



Geography



This half term, our focus is on the human and physical features of our local environment such as, beaches, seas, cliffs, coasts, shops, towns, houses, and school.

PSHE / JIGSAW

This half terms JIGSAW is focusing on 'Relationships'. The children will be focusing on making friends, people who help us, and our families.



PE



PE for Year IG is on Mondays and Tuesdays, so children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days.

PE for Year IS is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days.

This half term, the focus is on using striking in sports such as cricket, and rounders.

Music

Mrs Lawrence will continue to inspire us with her weekly music lessons.



Homework



Please continue to use the 'Lending Library' to share a book together at home. Please ensure that once you have read the story, that you return it and collect a new story.

Depending on your child's Read Write Inc group, your child will continue to take home the book they have previously practised in class. The groups are changing so your child may have a different coloured book to normal.

If your child wants to do any more learning at home, BBC bitesize, Topmarks (maths), and Phonics Play are great resources online.

General Information

We hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning in Year 1 will be like this half term. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be by the Year 1 door at the end of each school day, but you can also email us to arrange a time to meet.

Kind Regards,

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