

Year 1 Newsletter (Summer 1 2024)

Welcome back after the Easter holiday. It is hard to believe that we have already reached the Summer Term! This half term our topic will be 'Plants'.

English

In school, the children read every day through the Read, Write, Inc sessions. Please could you support this at home by listening to your child read their school reading book to develop fluency and understanding. Please remember that it is essential for your children to have their book bags in school every day so that we can change their reading book regularly. Remember to watch the weekly Read Write Inc. home learning videos that are sent out via School Ping. The children will also continue to select their own books from the school library to share at home.

In English, we will be looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk by Mara Alperin and Mark Chambers. We will be re-telling the story before writing our own versions. We will also be using our knowledge of instructions from earlier in the year to write instructions for planting seeds.

Maths

We will start the new term with 'Mass and Volume'. We will be measuring the mass of objects in the classroom and comparing their mass using the vocabulary of 'heavier' and 'lighter'. We will also be looking at capacity and volume. We will be using a range of vocabulary to talk about the volume of containers with different capacities.

We will then start a new unit of work on 'Multiplication and Division'. This will involve counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. If you could work on this at home, it would be really helpful! We will also be adding equal groups, making arrays, making doubles and applying this knowledge to solve a range of problems.

Science

This half term we will be looking at plants. We will be looking into the enquiry question of, 'Why don't all plants look the same?'

The children will be learning to label the parts of a plant and understand how plants can grow healthily. The children will be planting their very own sunflower and will have to look after it carefully to make sure it grows! We will keep a diary to show how our plant has grown, observing how it changes over time. We will also be learning to name a variety of common plants and trees by looking around the school grounds.

Art

As a link to our science work, we will be developing our observational skills through drawing plants and sunflowers in the style of the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh. We will be using pastels and acrylic paints to carry out this artwork.

PE

Year 1 Fir PE classes continue to be on a Tuesday and Thursday each week.

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Could we respectfully remind you that PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt and blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms, pumps or trainers. Weather permitting, we will be doing some P.E sessions outside.

Homework

Maths homework will continue to be given out on a Wednesday, to be completed by the Friday of that week and homework books will continue to be given out on a Friday to be returned by the following Monday.

Let's look forward to a happy and healthy half term.

Year 1 team:

Miss Jackson, Miss Burton and Mrs Riley