



West Row
Community Primary School

Year One
Spring Term 2 Newsletter
2017

The Scented Garden

This half-term's topic is based around the theme of 'growing'. The children will learn how to name and recognise plants. Once again, if any of you would like to help in class to hear readers or help in other ways please let us know. Any donations of gardening equipment, soil, seeds and plants are much appreciated!

This term's learning...

English

In English we will start by learning about poetry using our senses. We will be going on a senses walk and exploring plants to help inspire our poetry. We will be growing plants and writing instructions about the process. We will also be looking at stories with a predictable and patterned language such as 'fee fi fo fum'. The children will learn the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and adapt it to create their own version. We will continue to have Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar lessons. Use of capital letters, letter joining, and punctuation will be emphasized.

Spellings will continue and please expect a list of spellings to come home every Friday.

Maths

Our mathematical topics will change every week or two weeks as usual. Topics will cover a mixture of practical and written work. We will be learning about statistics, money, multiplication and division, fractions, time and position and direction.

Theme

Our theme will have a strong Science focus this half term and we will be growing our own garden. In Science we will be learning about how things grow, conducting experiments and discussing our results. In Art and Design and Technology we will be creating in the mud kitchen and making and drawing scented flowers. In Geography we will learn about our local area, other countries native plants and drawing maps. In R.E we shall be focusing on the theme of belonging in Judaism. In PSHE we will be thinking about how our actions impact on others. In Music we will be using our voices in different ways such as singing and chanting and learning tradition songs. Finally, in P.E we will be learning rainforest dances and gymnastics.

Important information

Classrooms

Just to remind you that the classrooms will be locked until 8.45 and locked promptly at 3.15pm. Please can we ask you not to come inside the classrooms unless you have a prior appointment. This includes morning drop off and at the end of the day as we want the children to become more independent. This is a safeguarding issue for our children and members of staff.

P.E days

P.E will still be on Monday and Wednesday for Nightingale and Monday and Thursday for Boudicca.

P.E kit

Due to the foreseeable inclement weather, the majority of P.E sessions will be in the hall. Children will need a t-shirt, shorts and a pair of trainers/plimsolls please. For safety reasons please ensure that **earrings are either removed or covered with tape** and **long hair is tied up** on P.E days. Staff cannot take earrings out.

Home learning

Thanks for all your support with the children's home learning last half-term. Please look at the home learning sheet to find more details of this half-term's challenges based around our topic. Home learning can be handed in on paper as this is collected and filed at school.

Parent Volunteers

If you would like to come and help in class, such as, reading we would be really grateful for your help. Please speak to Mrs Dove or Miss Dedross. You will need a DBS check before you can start.

Individual reading books

It was fantastic to see lots of children participating in our Stars in the Jar scheme last half-term. Please keep reading with your children regularly and writing in their reading record book. Just a reminder that children will be changing their own reading books as needed.

Home link books and going home arrangements

Please keep using the home link books to let us know of anything important during the week. We really appreciate it when you keep us informed of any changes in going home arrangements.

Important Year 1 dates this half term:

20th February - Planetarium visit

NEW DATE: 15th March - KS1 reading café

24th March - Comic Relief

31st March - Egg day

