



**West Row**  
Community Primary School

Year Two  
Spring Term 2 Newsletter  
2017

## The Scented Garden

This half-term's topic is based around the theme of 'growing'. The children will learn about plants and will be having a visit from a Planetarium. 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 sense walks and exploring plants to help inspire our poetry. We will also be growing plants and writing instructions about the process. We will also be looking at poems and different ways of creating them. The children we learn the poem *I wandered lonely as a cloud (Daffodils)* by William Wordsworth and adapt it to create their own version. We will continue to have Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar lessons. Use of commas, exclamation marks, and speech marks will be learned. Spellings and maths tests will continue and please expect a list of spellings or maths to come home every Monday.

#### 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, fractions, addition and subtraction, time, position and direction, and multiplication and division.

#### 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 will be focusing on the theme of symbols and artefacts relating to resurrection and joy in Christianity. 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. Finally, in P.E we will be learning rainforest dances and gymnastics.

## Important information

### **P.E days**

P.E will still be on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

### **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.

### **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 done in the children's home learning books.

### **Parent Volunteers**

If you would like to come and help in class, such as with reading we would be really grateful for your help. Please speak to Mrs. Norman. 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.

### **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:

20<sup>th</sup> February - Planetarium visit

15<sup>th</sup> March - Yr2 reading café

24<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief

31<sup>st</sup> March - Egg day