



## Form One Half Term Newsletter – Spring 2 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a lovely half term. The children have come back to school very enthusiastic and eager, and we have wasted no time at all in beginning our new topic, Global Gardens. We have lots of lovely topic books, both fiction and non-fiction, for the children to read and enjoy on this topic. With lots of discussion on flowers and climates, it certainly feels like spring is in the air.

In **English** we will be looking at:

- Counting Stories
- Writing instructions
- Fairy Tales
- Information writing
- Creative writing
- Food poems

### Handwriting

- Consistency in size, position and joining
- Capital letters and overall presentation of work

In **Maths** we will be reinforcing:

- Handling data (tally charts, bar graphs, Venn and Carroll diagrams)
- Finding the right coins to pay
- Addition money problems
- Estimating, measuring and comparing using standard and non-standard measures
- Measuring capacity

In **Science** we will be learning about Seasonal Changes and Plants:

- Structure of plants
- Garden plants
- Wild plants
- Deciduous & evergreen trees
- Signs of spring

In **Geography** our topic is Global Gardens. We will be exploring:

- Gardens around the world
- Different plants and flowers and the climates they need to grow
- Where our food comes from
- What plants give us
- What food looks like when it is farmed - to how it appears on forks

In **French** we will be learning to speak about the family, farm animals and Easter. We will continue to practise numbers and colours and play lots of games.

In **Music** we will be playing music games with an animal theme as well as learning songs related to the class topics.

In **RE** we will continue to think about 'How do we say thank you for our beautiful world?' We will consider ways we can look after the world and learn about St Francis of Assisi. We will then learn about the Easter Story.

In **Art** we will be creating art inspired by plants and flowers.

In **ICT** we will be learning about data. We will collect and organise data and create a graph using digital tools. The information we collect will be sorted using a criteria and we will present what we have learnt.

Our **PSHE** topic is 'Healthy Me'. We will be talking about healthy and unhealthy choices and how these choices make us feel. We will talk about hygiene, keeping ourselves clean and how germs can make us unwell. We will also learn about road safety as well as people who can help us to stay safe.

In **PE** we will be focusing on our ball skills such as catching, throwing and rolling so that we are able to play small team games effectively and be successful.

In **Games** we will be introduced to Outdoor & Adventurous Activities (O.A.A) where we will learn how to work as a team and take part in lots of problem solving tasks. As well as this, we will be developing our ability to work in partners using an array of skills and equipment.

Please continue with daily reading. Remember, 10 mins every night is more than adequate for children of this age but please do now start to ask your children questions about what they have read to ensure they understand the text and that they are not just decoding the words. In class, we will be asking the children questions about what they have read. Therefore, 'reading for meaning' rather than 'reading and decoding' will be key.

Please continue to learn the weekly spellings; the children are doing a great job each week. From this term, we have differentiated spellings according to your child's ability. Please remember the children should be using their spellings in their written work as well as spelling them correctly in their spelling tests.

We have introduced handwriting during morning registration, please try to get your children into school on time so they can learn how to join their handwriting.

Homework activities have been added to Mathletics, please make sure your child logs into Mathletics. The tasks will relate to the work the children have been learning at school.

We are very excited about our trip to Tonbridge Castle on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We hope the sun will be shining!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Anderson and Mr Legg