

Year 1 Newsletter - Summer 1 - April 2021



Our topic this half-term is: “*Gruesome Growing!*”.

English: The children will be applying their knowledge of recounts to write about their Easter holiday activities. We will be reading picture books “The Curious Garden”, “The Bad Seed” and “The Monster Tomato”. In grammar, we will be reinforcing the suffixes -er and -est, the prefix -un and how to punctuate sentences using an exclamation mark.

In **Mathematics:** Firstly, we will be spending a week on time including learning how to use the language of Time, telling the time to the hour using an analogue clock. This will be followed by a 3 week block revisiting place value and making, comparing and solving simple problems. After this we will be moving on to calculating using addition and subtraction but now working with numbers to 50, moving on to working with numbers to 100.

In **Science:** We will continue to observe the seasons of the year and how this affects what is happening in our school grounds; then we be looking at how plants grow. We will be exploring where plants come from and what they need to survive. Our outdoor learning day will enable us to look inside fruits and vegetables and explore the roots of plants.

In **Art:** We are introducing and looking at the work of Georgia O’Keefe to learn how she develops her work using lines and colour to create her flower paintings.

How you can help your child at home:

Reading: Please continue to hear your child read regularly and look at the weekly reading focus stickers in their diary. Your comments are very useful to us as it gives us an indication as to how many times a week they have read. Please help your child to learn to read the key words that recent checks show that your child still needs to learn.

Spelling/Phonics: Please continue to practise all the Year 1 key words (reading and writing), this helps your child to become more independent when writing. When reading with your child see if they can spot speed sounds 2 and 3 within words and play any games that have been sent home.

Maths: Help your child to recite the days of the week and the months of the year. Look at clocks together and begin to tell the time to o’clock and half-past. Continue to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as this will be a huge help when we revisit multiplication. Keep looking at numbers and working out 1 more/ 1 less to 100.

Outdoor Learning Day



Year 1 will be having an outdoor learning day on **Thursday, 29th April 2021**. Please can your child wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies with a coat suitable for the weather. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.



Dates for your diary

April

Thursday 29th April
Outdoor Learning Day

May

Monday 3rd May
Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Monday 10th May

School Photographer – Class Photos
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Half-term (School Closed)

June

Monday 7th June
INSET Day (School Closed)



We are going to start using the library again!
Our day for changing Library books is going to be **Fridays**.

Change to PE Day



**Monday AM (Outdoor) &
Tuesday PM (Indoor)**



Water Bottle

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day