

Dear Parents

Welcome back. I hope that you all had a pleasant break and the children are well rested and ready to meet the challenges that lie ahead this term.

Please find attached a topic web giving a brief overview of the work your child will be doing this term. We are now starting a new topic which will run up until May half term. The topic is simply called 'What do plants need to help them grow?' which is essentially a topic based around plants. The children will be getting their green fingers ready by planting their own beans and sunflowers.

That is just a taster of a few of the things that we will be learning about, so please see the topic web for further details. As always, I have tried to link as many curriculum areas as possible with this theme. If you are able to offer any help with our topic, have resources at home, or know anyone who could come in to talk to the children, it would be great to hear from you. I will also be sending home Knowledge Organisers once again for you to have at home and discuss the learning that your child is engaged in at school.

A quick plea about reading - do keep this going please. The expectation is that it is a daily occurrence, even just a few pages is better than nothing read at all. Young children need the frequent repetition of applying their phonics skills to help them embed their learning and make progress. Please also focus on the content of their book too by asking lots of questions throughout as it helps your child's comprehension skills. Thank you.

Spellings will start for the reception children this term and continue for year 1 and 2 children. I will ensure that you are aware of the words each week by posting them on Tapestry. Please help your child practice these words at home. Some words will require the children applying their phonics and others will be common exception words. I tell the children that these words are tricky, and they just have to learn how to spell them.

PE remains on Tuesday and Thursday. We will try and make use of the Playing Field this term, so it is **absolutely essential** that your child has daps or trainers on these days. Please also check that current daps still fit, as we are getting lots of complaints from the children about 'daps being too tight'. Please also send a sun hat in, that can be kept at school. Our playground has little shade, so I do try and encourage the children to wear a hat when the sun is shining. As the weather warms up, it would be great if sun cream could be applied at home each morning, as we are unable to assist the children with this and young children find application very tricky. Thank you.

I am very much looking forward to this topic and have had great fun planning many creative learning experiences for your child which I know they are going to enjoy.

Kind Regards

Mrs Ley