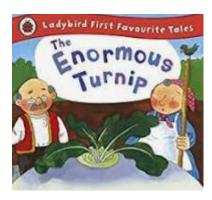
'Glorious Growing' Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 5 2021

Dear Parents.

Welcome back; we can't believe that it is the summer term already! The children showed amazing resilience and determination last term, in addition to working brilliantly. Our new topic is 'Glorious Growing'. We will be learning about plants, how they grow, as well as the environment around us.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:







If you would like a learning activity to complete at home during this term with your child, you can choose from one of these activities:

- Ask a family member about their favourite flower, plant or tree and why is it their favourite? Where would you find it? Is it in the garden or local park or woods?
- Focus on the flowers, plants and trees during excursions out or if you have a garden. Look at the different trees. What is the same, what is different about them? Look at the insects that are attracted to them and specifically discuss the role of bees in growing.
- Plant some seeds in a pot and put outside or on a windowsill. What do they need to grow? Give your child the responsibility of looking after it. Perhaps grow different types of plants/ foods and compare how they grow.

Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bag each day.
- If the weather is unpredictable, children please ensure the children have a **coat** in school. The weather is currently still cold and so they will need their coats at playtime and for outdoor learning.
- Our PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday** but PE kits should be in all week.
- Wellington Boots Please can all children have a set of wellies in school at all times, this is so we can use the field and outside areas when it is wet and muddy.
- We will not be doing show and tell this term, however if your child has done something they are super proud of at home them please take a photo and email the school office and we can share this with the class.

'Glorious Growing' Learning Map Term 5 2021				
What are we learning this term?				
Literacy	Story writing O Ladybird First Favourite Tales The normous Turnip	Talk for writing	Non-fiction writing The Lille Gardener	
Maths	Partitioning Tens Ones	Position and direction	Measure	
Science	Plants			
Geography		Changes in the local area		
Music				
ICT	E-Safety	purple mash	Animation	
PSHE	The minuted approach to Prince	Describe my feelings		
DT	Creating structures			
RE	Sikhism			



Home Learning

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week , even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please ensure it is signed and dated.		
	During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2.		
	Children can change their reading books, within their book band, at any time from our class library.		
Spellings and homework	Spellings will be given out each week on a Friday , then will be tested on Thursday . - Please practise these words with your child at home in their homework book. These will then be tested in school and scores will be written in the book for you to see.		
	Please ensure that books are returned to school on Thursday so the next week's spellings can be stuck in.		
Maths	Please can children continue to learn their times tables at home. Year 1 children should be learning 10x, 2x and 5x tables. When secure with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables, Year 2 children should be moving onto 3x and 4x tables.		
	BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h		
	MyMaths can be used at home for the children to explore and practise skills from class work whenever they choose. If you are unsure of your child's log in then please ask and we will give you another copy.		

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions,

Thank you for your support.

Miss Williams, Miss Hillier and Miss Roberts.