

'Glorious Growing'

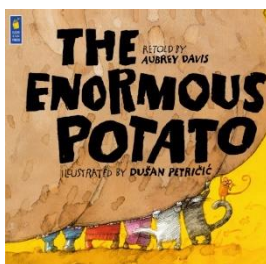
Chestnuts Class Newsletter - Term 5 2022 / 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new topic for term 5 is 'Glorious Growing'. Across the curriculum we will be looking at a wide range of things including the parts of a plant and their specific functions, the life cycle of a plant, exploring how bees help our plants, and we will even be growing some flowers ourselves! We will also be doing some cooking, looking at healthy food that farmers in the UK grow and discussing how our village has changed over time! We have a wonderfully exciting term planned that we hope the children will enjoy and come home to share with you!

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



Questions to ask at home:

- What is healthy food?
- How have our farms/villages/towns changed over time?
- What foods grow in the ground and what grows on trees?
- What foods can we grow in the UK and what grows in other countries?
- How do plants grow?
- What do bees do?

Home Learning Tasks

You could have a go at some of these at home:

- Cooking some yummy healthy food
- Planting seeds and watching them grow (cress is always good!)
- Drawing the life cycle of a plant
- Designing and making a plant habitat from recyclable material
- Design your own farm to grow foods
- Go on a walk around your village/town and draw or write what you see. What is old/new?

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focused activities and group work.

Literacy	Characterisation 	Narrative 	Instruction 
Maths	Geometry 	Problem Solving 	Fractions 
Science	Plants/bees  		
History & Geography	Maps 	A significant person 	Environmental changes 
ICT	E-Safety 		Animated stories 
PSHE		Relationships	
DT	Baking 		

Home Learning

Reading	Please read at least 3 times a week and record this in your reading records. This can be books, comics, internet articles, newspapers, instructions, recipes...!
Phonics Year 1	Children in year 1 will be sitting their phonics screening check in June. You can support your child in their preparation for this through phonics games, flashcards, real / fake word sorting. If you need any additional resources to help with this, then please let me know.

Useful Websites to support learning

- Year 2 - Lexia Core 5 Reading (please ask if you need a reminder of your child's login details)
- Purple Mash (please ask if you need a reminder of your child's login details)
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk (phonics games)
- <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular> (free maths games)

Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- To ensure your child/ren returns home in the correct uniform, **please** can you make sure that **ALL CLOTHES** have their name inside. This is especially true for jumpers, which are frequently removed during PE / lunch times, especially in the warmer weather.
- The children will need to have a **coat** in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable.
- As the weather starts to change, it is a good idea to send your child in to school with a named **sunhat**, and even perhaps a pre-applied long lasting sun cream. Please note that children are **not** to wear sunglasses during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hudd and Mrs Foot