



'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.

This term our new topic is '**Glorious Growing**'. We will be learning about plants, how they grow, as well as the environment around us. To support this learning we will be going on a trip to Wakehurst Place. Please see the separate letter.

Our class reader will be the Boy Who Grew Dragons.

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 day is **Monday** please ensure your child has the full kit in school.
- Spellings are on a Friday. Please remember to send your child in with their spelling books. We can send these home to you on the same day so that the result can be celebrated at home as in school!

Home Learning

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 10 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge this by signing and dating in their reading record book.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Books can be changed at any time; we will be start to encourage the children to learn how to change these independently.</p>
Spellings and homework	<p>Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday to be learnt at home and then tested the following Friday.</p>
Maths	<p>Please can children continue to learn their times tables at home.</p> <p>Children should start to learn 10x, 2x and 5x tables.</p> <p>When secure with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables, children should be moving onto 3x and 4x tables.</p> <p>BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</p> <p>Purple Mash Times Tables Games: https://www.purplemash.com/</p> <p>Search for 'speed tests' and then choose the one that you would like to practise.</p>

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

Thank you for your support.

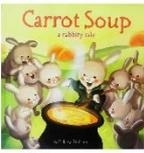
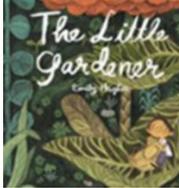
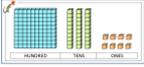
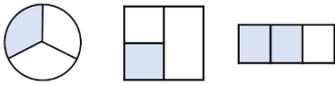
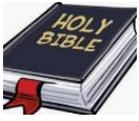
Mrs King and Mrs Fry



'Glorious Growing' Learning Map Term 5 2021

What are we learning this term?



<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Retelling a Story</p> 	<p>Imaginative Description</p> 	<p>Creative Story Writing</p> 
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Revising and revisiting Number and Place Value Addition and Subtraction</p> 	<p>Fractions</p> 	<p>Measuring</p> 
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Plant Life Cycles</p> 	<p>Identifying plants, flowers and trees</p> 	<p>Importance of insects for pollination</p> 
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Features of our local area</p> 	<p>Fieldwork Skills</p> 	<p>Mapwork and keys</p> 
<p>Music</p> 	<p>charanga®</p> 	<p>Appraising Music –</p> 	<p>Rhythm and pulse</p> 
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>E-Safety</p> 	<p>Purple Mash; 2Animate</p> 	<p>Purple Mash; 2 Create a Story</p> 
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>Relationships</p> 	<p>Worries</p> 	<p>Friendships</p> 
<p>DT</p> 	<p>Joining materials</p> 	<p>Designing garden equipment</p> 	<p>Cooking and fresh ingredients</p> 
<p>RE</p> 	<p>Bible Stories and Teachings</p> 	<p>Peace</p> 	<p>Forgiveness</p> 