

## Summer 2 in Year 1

This term our topic is Growing Wonders.

**Writing** - The children will be planting and caring for their own bean this term. We will focus on non-fiction writing and the lifecycle and care of a bean plant. Our fiction writing this term focuses on the book *The Bog Baby* by Jeanne Willis. We will also be writing our own fact files all about beans. We will continue to work on the foundations of writing, ensuring our foundations are accurate, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also look at adding conjunctions (and, because) to our writing. Handwriting continues to be a huge focus for us across the school, please practise your child's talls and tails (ascenders and descenders), ensuring letters are a relative size to one another. Over the Easter holidays, we sent home Year 1 common exception words that children have to know how to spell independently. Please continue to practise these with your child.

**Phonics** - Thank you to those of you that completed the phonics workbook over the holidays. Be sure to ask your child what sound they have learned every day as this will help with their retention as we move towards the National screening test in the second week of June. Weekly phonics practise will continue to be sent home. Do look out for the new weekly QR codes which will be stapled into your child's diary each week.

**Maths** - We will be understanding and using multiplication and division so it would be really helpful if you could support your child at home with counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will be learning to make and add equal groups and using arrays. We will also be completing a unit on fractions and learning how to make and find halves and quarters. Please continue to practise KIRFs at home, this term we will be focusing on knowing our doubles to 10 and halves to 20.

**Science** - This term, we will be learning about plants and trees—how they grow and what they look like. We will be using and understanding the words evergreen and deciduous. We will be planting of our own beans to watch, record and understand how they develop! We will also be learning about mini-beasts and their homes.

**PE** – In U-Sports the children will be doing athletics and beginning to practise for the Sports Day races. In our hall slot, we be continuing our work on Gymnastics but with a focus on travelling, balancing, rolls and jumps.

**Geography** - We will using atlases to help us locate countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. We will also spend a week monitoring the weather in the local area and then compare it with the weather in another place in the world.

**Art** - We will be studying the artist, Henri Matisse and using different collage techniques to create snail pictures.

**Computing** - Together, we will understand the importance of internet safety and how we can stay safe online. We will also be creating our own storybooks based on our class traditional tale stories.

**RE** - We will be learning about Judaism, looking at what important things are remembered at Shabbat and what a Jewish way of life might look like.

**PSHE** - We will be learning about relationships, thinking about trust and appreciation, friendships and conflict.

**Music** – This term we are looking at dynamics. The children will be making links between music, sounds and environments whilst using percussion, vocal and body sounds to represent calm or stormy seas.



### Dates to remember...

**Monday 13th April**  
Trust INSET day.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
First day back

**Monday 4th May**  
BANK HOLIDAY– School closed

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Break up for May half term  
holidays at 3.20pm

### We would be grateful for donations of...

- Medium zip lock sandwich bags
- Coloured paper
- Coloured card

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