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Dear Parents/carers,

Our topic this half term is 'Growing', this theme will be woven through all subjects across the Year 1 curriculum.



In Literacy we will be starting off with poetry; learning a poem by heart and writing our own poetry based on 'A Tiny Seed'. We will be writing instructions for planting a broad bean. We will be retelling the traditional tale - Jack and the Beanstalk and writing in role as Jack. Linking to eco schools topics we will be reading the inspiring tale - 'The Cloud Spinner' and then creating our own magical tale using 'growing' as our central theme.



We will be continuing to work on improving our phonics to build confidence in reading the trickier words by practicing writing on the sound buttons. We will also be sending home regular phonics homework to practice.



In maths we will be revisiting place value, addition and subtraction to consolidate the learning done so far and we shall be learning to multiply and divide. We will be continuing our work on measure and to describe position and direction. As we will be planting broad beans in science, we will observe them develop measure them to see how much they are growing.

In RE we will start with the Easter story and the significance of the cross in our faith and then we will learn about Pentecost - new birth and spreading the good news that Jesus is alive!

Our Forest Schools sessions will link into our topic work in Science and Geography. We will be exploring the environment around us to see the changes as we approach the summer months. We will be conducting experiments to discover the best conditions for plant growth. In Geography we will be comparing the UK to the Amazonian rainforest and using our rain measuring tubes to measure rain. We will also be creating artwork based on the rainforest inspired by the artist - Henri Rousseau, making rainmakers in DT and creating a rainforest soundscape in music!

We would be grateful if you could bring your Forest School kit in every Thursday (wellies, waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat) to ensure your child is properly dressed for all weathers!

Book changes will still be on a Monday and Thursday and homework set on a Friday. Please return the homework books by the following Wednesday so that there is time for the books to be marked. Thank you for continuing to write in your child's reading diary at home and please send it into school every day.

We are very grateful for your support.

The Year 1 Team