

Our Spring term topic is 'What's down at the bottom of your garden?'

We hope that this leaflet will give you some information about what your child will be learning about this term.

Please come and see us if you have any worries or any questions.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Shakespeare and Mrs Shaw
(Class 1 teachers)

A few reminders:

- The spelling tests for Year 1 and Year 2 will continue on Mondays so the green spelling books need to be in every Monday. The new spelling lists come home every Tuesday. Reception children will now also be bringing home weekly spellings to learn with you at home and they will also be tested on these on the following Monday.
- PE sessions are on a Tuesday and a Friday afternoon and your child will need to wear their full P.E kit on these days.
- Your child will receive homework on a Thursday and it will need to be back in school by the following Tuesday.
- Our library day is on a Thursday and your child can choose a library book to bring home on this day.

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Class 1

Spring 2024 Overview

English: In English, we will be looking at stories written by the same author (Nick Butterworth). We will be comparing these stories and then writing in the style of this author. After half-term, we will then go onto looking at features of non-chronological texts. We will then write our own non-chronological reports about minibeasts.

Top Tip: Have you got any books written by Nick Butterworth? Your child could bring these books in to also share with the class. You could look in a local library for books written by Nick Butterworth.

Can they also find the non-fiction section in a local library? How is this section of the library organised?

Maths: In Maths, Year 2 children will explore 2-D and 3-D shapes before moving onto money. They will count money, make amounts, and compare amounts of money. Year 1 children will continue to look at addition and subtraction within 10 before moving onto shape. They will also look at place value within 20, reading and writing the numbers, representing numbers using different resources and comparing numbers. Reception children will be exploring

Topic:

In Geography, the children will be exploring the topic of 'The World and My School'. We will be locating our school on a map and recognising local human/physical features. We will then go onto identifying and locating different climates around the world.

In Art, the children will be looking at the work of Georgia O'Keeffe. Georgia O'Keeffe was famous for painting pictures of flowers. We will take our own up close photos of flowers and then use these photos to create our own representations of these flowers.

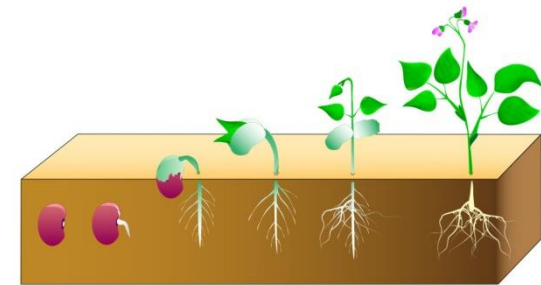
After half-term, the children will then use clay to create their own mini-beast sculpture.

In PSHE, we will be talking about keeping our bodies safe. In Music, Year 1 and Year 2 will be receiving music tuition and they will be learning how to play the ukulele.

Top Tip:

Can your child make a mini-beast from recycled materials at home? It would be lovely to see pictures of these on Dojo.

Science: In Science, our learning will be linked to 'animals including humans.' We will learn the basic needs of animals to survive and how offspring grow into adults. We will carry out an investigation to answer the question 'Do our feet get bigger as we grow older?'



After half term, our learning will be linked to 'Plants.' We will be learning how seeds & bulbs grow into mature plants and investigate how plants need water, light and the right temperature to grow.

The children will be planting their own bulbs and will keep a diary, so that they can observe the changes to their bulb over the weeks.

shape, mass and capacity. They will explore numbers up to 10 by representing them, comparing amounts and looking at the composition of them through play.

Top Tip: A useful maths website that you might like to look at with your child

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Y2s top tip: Practise 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

We will continue our topic of Seasonal Changes and identify signs of Winter around us in nature, before looking for the changes that come in Springtime.

Top tip: Can you draw a picture of your favourite animal and label it?

What sort of plants and trees can you see when you are out and about? You could use the guide below to help you name the trees you see.

[Winter tree identification for kids
\(treetoolsforschools.org.uk\)](http://treetoolsforschools.org.uk)

ICT: In ICT, we will be talking about how to stay safe on the internet. We will explore questioning using a range of Purple Mash tools.

RE: In R.E, we will look at the religion of Islam. We will explore how Muslim people live and worship.

