



# Year 2 Newsletter – Summer 2016.



Dear parents and carers,

This half-term our topic is Plants. We are starting with our enquiry question:

## Can plants be dangerous?

Most of this topic is Science based so we will be carrying out lots of investigations around seeds and growing plants. We would like to grow plants so could you send in a clean, glass jar for your child (without label if possible) please.

In English we are learning about traditional tales and will soon start sending home a book of Grimm fairy tales. These will go home with a different child each night. Please share a story or two at bedtime then send the book back to school the following day so that another child can take it. Ask your child to write a review of what they've read.

Our end of key-stage tests (or SATs as they are sometimes known) will take place throughout May. Please make sure children are in school each day. We will be carrying these out in a relaxed way e.g. calling them a 'quiz' etc, so please don't put any additional pressure on the children.

If you want to help, the best way you can do this is by:

- Making sure that children read at home and complete any follow up tasks given by the teacher during Guided reading sessions.
- Sharing books and asking questions where the answer isn't always obvious. Asking children to refer back to the part of the text that answers the question.
- Practising counting up and back in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s and relating this to time tables.
- Practising spellings (see our website for spelling ideas)

We hope to get out in the school garden as much as possible this half term so please could you send in a pair of named wellies in a bag. This can be kept on children's pegs. Please also make sure children have a full, named PE kit in school every day. Girls with long hair need a hair band so they can tie up their hair in PE lessons. Thank you.

The Year 2 team.

