

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Easter! Welcome back after a well- earned rest. I am looking forward to an exciting summer term filled with much learning and fun; I hope your children are too. To keep you informed, I will be teaching full time up until July, with Mrs Rogers covering two afternoons for my head of school time. Both Mrs Rogers and Mrs Talbot will remain as class teachings assistants.

Please find an outline of what we will be covering in the first half term below:-

**Topic – The Potting Shed** – we will be exploring how plants grow and what they need to be healthy. We will set up investigations within science to identify the best conditions for growth and life. In art we will cover two famous artists, Georgia O’Keefe and Vincent Van Gogh and use mixed media to create pictures in the style of their work. In music we will look at singing in unison and using percussion for accompaniment. Through design and technology the children will explore healthy eating and research healthy foods for a teddy bear’s picnic. We will look at famous botanists such as Charles Darwin and create our own garden journals to record different flowers and plants, their habitats and best living conditions.

**Outdoor Learning** – As the weather gets better, the children will have dedicated time outdoors to further their learning. We have set up two raised bed areas for them to explore their gardening skills. An outdoor easel for painting work and a reading den for some quiet time. Other activities will include, making bird feeders, fairy houses and weaving with natural materials. Please send in any gardening equipment or seed packets you no longer need this is much appreciated. *Please note: Last term we bought lots of lovely equipment for the children to use and sadly some children did not look after it so well and it got broken quickly, if this happens again we will need to notify the parents of the children involved and expect a replacement. I hope you understand this, especially in light of recent budget cuts to schools.*

English and maths lessons will have some links to the topic but on the whole will be taught as discrete lessons. Phonics will continue daily for the first half an hour of the morning.

PE – will continue to be Wednesday afternoon however the second afternoon will be Monday afternoon. Please ensure full kit (named) is in school.

**Homework** – Year 1 –A4 task sheet to be completed at your leisure but children can show work done on Friday afternoons. Weekly phonic sheets to support the learning in class and reading for 10 minutes at least a day.

Year 2 – CGP revision books, reading and Read, Write, Inc., spellings.

#### **Dates**

SATS – will commence week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May

Phonic Test – will commence week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – ‘share fair’ - parents invited in to see the work covered this half term in the hall 2:30pm.

Any questions please call in to see me after school or make an appointment at the office

.Kind regards

Mrs Barlow