

### **Welcome Back**

We hope you all had a lovely half term.

This half term the theme for learning is **Making a Difference**. In Class 1 we will be learning about plants, seeds and our local environment. We will also be going on a school trip to Harlow Carr to support our learning.

### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

This half term the children will be extending their phonic knowledge through their Read Write Inc sessions. We are now encouraging Reception to use their phonic knowledge to independently read and write words and sentences, whereas the Year 1s are working on expanding their simple sentences to include interesting words and use consistent punctuation.

This week we have been exploring poetry and have learnt a poem off by heart and are writing an acrostic poem about plants. We will be learning to write a recount by using time connectives at the beginning of our sentences. We will also be concentrating on re-reading our work to ensure it makes sense.



### **Problem solving, reasoning and numeracy**

The Reception children will be focusing on using numbers to 20 within their independent learning.

They will be learning to counting forwards and backwards to 20, measure by height, length and weight as well as learning to order numbers.

The Year 1 children will be learning how to measure and record height and length using cm and m. Then they will learn to measure weight and capacity. They will be learning to identify number bonds to 20 by using what they know about number bonds to 10 in their weekly KIRF challenge.



### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Mr Ryde will be teaching the children about how to keep safe and manage risks. They will think about how to keep themselves safe and who helps them to keep safe.

### **Understanding the World**

In geography we will be finding out about our local area. The children will look at maps, find out about map symbols, and go for a walk in the local area to find places we have seen on a map. They will also learn about human and physical features.



This half term the children will be learning about the Christian festival of Easter. This topic will be continuing from last half term. They children will find out how Christians celebrate Easter and the symbols related to it.



In science, the children will be learning about the parts of a plant and what it needs to grow. We will be growing our own plants and doing experiments to show what it needs in order to grow well.

In computing, the children will be learning how use algorithms to write code for Beebots. This means they will be learning to give instructions to robotic toys so they move in a certain way.



### **Physical development**

This half term the children will be taught by a dance coach. The children will be learning how to move their bodies in ways to match the music and the theme of the dance.



### **Creative development**

This half term Mr Ryde will be teaching DT. The children are going to be making windmills to sell as part of our enterprise topic. They will be exploring how to make it turn in the wind and the type of joins needed.



The children will be listening to music about plants and growing. They will then have a go at making their own growing music.

**Reception pupils**

**Special Stars (Reception only)**

Thank you for all the Special Stars that were returned to school by the end of term, if you still have any please could you return them as soon as possible. You will find a new set that you can fill in and return by the end of this half term.

**Reading Books**

The children are all working really hard with their reading; I expect children to read at home every day. Please write a brief comment every time you hear them read. Thank you for your support

**Year 1**

**Handwriting**

Year 1 children will now be receiving their handwriting homework every Wednesday and this is to be returned by the following Monday.

**KIRFs**

The KIRF challenge will take place on **Wednesdays** and their scores will be written on a slip and put in their reading wallet.

**Dates to remember:**

Wednesday 21 March @9am Celebrating Work worship

Tuesday 27 March - In the afternoon Class 1 will be going for a walk around the local area to support our geography work.

Friday 30 March - 3.15pm Break up for Easter Holidays.

**Trip to Harlow Carr**

We have managed to re-arrange this trip for Friday 11 May.

**Junk Modelling**

We are in short supply of any materials for the children to junk model with. Any type of boxes, containers, cardboard or lids would be great. If you have any spare recycling items, please can you send them in as and when you have them. Thank you.

**Long Hair**

If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied up everyday.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me or make an appointment to see me.

Miss Langley

Mrs Oosterveen

Mrs Duffy