



KS1 Newsletter Summer 2017

Topic: Plants

Last term we asked the children what they wanted to learn about plants. They came up with a wide range of interesting things, such as:

- Visiting an allotment
- Having a flower party/ dress up day
- Learning how to grow plants
- Drawing, painting and constructing plants
- Make flower cakes!

We will be going to visit the allotments during the latter part of the term- the date is to be confirmed. Once we know we will let you know and will be looking for some parent helpers.

We will also have a dress up day- related to plants, so get those creative juices flowing! Your child could be a flower, a vegetable or maybe come dressed in green and brown as a

tree.



Year 1 Phonics

During the last week of the spring term we carried out the latest phonic screening check. Results of this check will be sent to you by the end of the first week back after Easter. We are really pleased with the children and how hard they try to apply their phonic knowledge. Please see below some of the split diagraphs which caught many children out.

Year 1 will be revisiting Phase 5 whilst Year 2 will be focusing on the 'no nonsense spellings'. We will continue to send home the buried treasure words for your child to sound, blend and read along with some specific letters and sounds related to the phonics check.

Split diagraphs (these make the long vowel sound):

a_e		e_e		o_e	
make	bake	Pete		home	bone
name	tame			alone	broke
shake	snake			tone	poke
u_e		i_e			
tune	flute	time	site		
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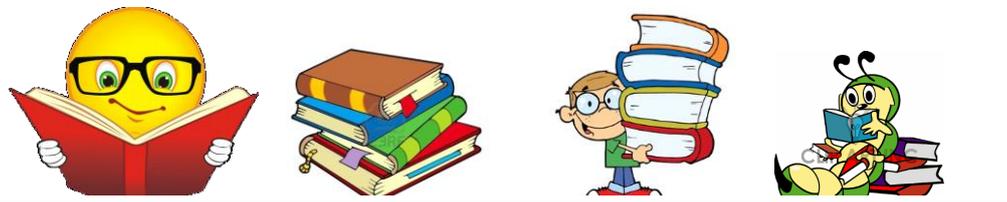
Read-a-thon Results

What amazing results we have had from the read-a-thon last term! Keep an eye out week 2 for the winners. All children that took part will receive a small reward. Thank you to everyone for getting behind this event and helping your children to raise valuable funds to improve our Guided Reading Books.

THANK YOU!

Y2 SATS

Our clever Y2 children will be sitting SATS to help assess their progress in SPAG, Reading and Maths this half term. The tasks will run throughout the month of May and we aim to make the process as 'stress-free' as possible so that all our children have the chance to shine. For more information please attend our 'SATS Parents Meeting' on 26th April at 6pm. Good luck Y2, you'll be amazing!



Reading Books

Reading books will continue to be changed once a week. Please remember to send them in every day just in case we get the opportunity to hear your child read or change their book on a different day. It is also helpful if your child reads their book more than once to build fluency and word recognition. Can they talk about what they have read?

We are always looking for parent helpers to come and hear the children read. If you could spare an hour or a morning to come in and help please let your child's class teacher know.

Thank you to our dedicated team of parent helpers who come in each week to hear readers or change books.



As the days get warmer and sunnier, it is important to help your child stay sun-safe in school. Please make sure they bring a named water bottle to school every day so they can access fresh water in the classroom. Remember, to be able to play out on the field on sunny days your child will need a sunhat to protect them from the midday sun. We also recommend that you provide named sun-cream for your child to apply in school or come wearing all day protection.

Let's stay safe this summer and remember SLIP, SLOP, SLAP!

Trip Fun

The Year 1 children had an amazing time at Midland Railway at Butterley and they loved their surprise letters, which they received following the trip.

The children are still talking about it and wrote some fantastic recounts about their time at the railway.

Thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers who came on the trip with us- a fab day had by all, even if it was rather wet!

The Year 2 children are starting to get excited about their trip to Lea Green. More details about the trip to follow in due course.



Homework

We loved the homework that was completed last term, some very inventive ideas for the topic one!

Please could you remember to stick the homework in your child's homework book- they do get upset in school when they can't find their homework which has fallen out when not stuck in.

THANK YOU PARENT HELPERS!

A big thank you for everything you do- whether that is helping in computers, sticking work into books, filing or walking with us to church. You make the world a better place!

What will the children be learning during Summer Term 1?

English: We will continue to improve writing by using capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks correctly. The children will also be developing their handwriting, grouping letters into different families. We will also explore poetry and perform some poems.

Maths: Year 2 will be recapping on addition and subtraction, multiplication, division and geometry. Year 1 will also develop number, place value and time.

Science: What do plants need to grow? Can you name parts of a plant? Do you know which parts of a plant can be eaten? These are all questions the children will be trying to answer over the term.

Art: We will be creating artwork related to the plant topic. We will be exploring an artist and their paintings. We will also be creating observational drawings and paintings!

RE: This term our wonderful HLTA's will be teaching RE. Their focus is 'Who is an inspiring person?' This will be based on learning more about Jesus.