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"Be the best that you can be"

Monday 25th April 2022

Year 1 Newsletter: Summer 1 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term our topic is: How does your garden grow?

The Sparkling Start to summer 1 on Monday 25th April will be to share pictures on Dojo of the amazing flowers we are growing at home! This will make sense when you see the children's Easter cards. For our Fantastic Finish we will be dressing up as a plant, tree or flower, we love a creative challenge! This will take place on Wednesday 25th May. We are hoping to visit Trentham Gardens in week 4 and will confirm the date as soon as possible.

Our topic will focus on identifying, naming and labelling, common wild and garden plants including trees.

Our **Key Knowledge Points (KKPs)** for the half term are:

- To name common and wild garden plants.
- To know and name parts of a plant.
- To know and name parts of a tree.
- To sort living and non-living things.
- To know how the local area is different to the way it used to be a long time ago.

KKPs are the learning that we aim for our children to know and understand. They are taught through our Creative Curriculum.

Points to remember:

- Reading: we ask that you read with your child each night and make a note in their diary with regards to how they have read. To help your child develop their reading skills, we recommend that they read each book at least twice and answer any questions about what they have read to secure their understanding and comprehension. Books are changed on a Friday and this is completed by an adult. Please ensure that ALL reading books, regardless of colour band are in school on a Friday so that we can record how many times you have read. When the children reach Blue level books they can change their reading book independently up to three times a week.
- New spellings appear on Spell Shed every Friday for your child to practise at home. These need to be practised for a spelling quiz on these words every Friday.
- Please continue using Numbots and Spelling Shed to support your home learning. Let us know if passwords need resending or you have any other problems.
- PE- please ensure that your child's complete labelled PE kit is in school daily. PE will be on Thursday.
- No jewellery is to be worn for PE; Earrings should be removed if possible, if not they should be covered with plasters that are provided by home.



Below is a breakdown of the questions that we will be trying to answer each week.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Questions	What makes plants terrific?	Where do the wild things grow?	What grows in your garden?	What makes flowers fabulous?	How has Trentham Gardens changed?
Maths	Multiplication & Division	Multiplication & Division	Multiplication & Division	Fractions	Fractions
Jigsaw Relationships	Families	Making Friends	Greetings	People who help us	Being My Own Best Friend
Ninja Vocabulary	Evergreen Deciduous	Wild Plants	Garden	Bulbs	Environment

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions please come and speak to us, we are usually available at the end of the day.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Hague, Miss Rowley, Mrs Greensmith, Mrs Preece, and Miss Sireno.

