



Year One Newsletter

Week Beginning: 16th May 2022




Topic: Nature Detectives

End of Topic Question:

Which plants and trees would you put into the new wildlife garden and why?

Weekly Reminders:

Monday 16th May – Mrs Amos ebook Parents Talk

What's Happening Next Week:	How You Can Help at Home:
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Poetry</u></p> <p>Next week the children will work throughout the week towards making a poem. They will use the story 'We are water protectors' to firstly consider the many ways in which we experience and use water. They will listen to sound clips of water which they will use to generate words to describe the sounds and movements of water. Then they will use these words to build onomatopoeic sentences to create a poem.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">This text is all about the water!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Talk about the uses of water in your home.</p> <p>Have your child go on a water search around the home. Where are there sources of water? How do we use this water? Where has this water come from?!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Have your child write a list of all the water sources in the home that they find! Then discuss where else they have experienced and used water... Swimming pool, sea, paddling pool....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How big will your list become?!</p> <p>Bring it into school with you on Monday – this will really contribute to our first English lesson!</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Phonics</u></p> <p>This week children will re-visit the sounds...</p> <p>i tiger a paper ow snow u unicorn</p> <p><u>Tricky words:</u> two eye thought through friend</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Keep an eye out for our NEW ebooks!</p> <p>Your child's reading record will soon have a sticker on the front, with an ebook link, username and password. Log in and explore the ebooks your child's teacher has assigned for them! There may be quite a few, so take your time exploring just one ebook each week.</p> <p>Keep a look out for more information to come on this from Mrs Amos next week.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 16th May – Mrs Amos ebook Parents Talk – do attend if you can!</p>

Maths – Division

Moving on from our work laying the foundation for multiplication this week, next week will see us addressing division. The children will be sharing cubes into equal groups, seeing how many different equal groups an amount can be shared into, eg; 20 shared into 2, 5 or 10 equal groups. They will then look at how many are in each group.

Does your child know their halves? As with the doubles last week, it's worth investing time by having them learn them. If they know their doubles, inverting them for halves shouldn't be too hard!

Here's a song to help:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsyIB2Q6lws>



Science – Spring weather data analysis

This week we will look at two different types of flowering plants: geraniums and dianthus. The children will observe the two plants and compare their stems, leaves, flowers and petals.



Head out for a nature walk in our lovely spring sunshine. Can you spot any flowering plants? How are they the same? How are they different?



Art – Practising printing

In art, if they haven't already done so, the children will finish off their printing tool by carefully gluing the string onto their design. We will then be practising printing onto paper using our block and a roller. Children who have completed these steps will then, carefully, print their design onto a fabric bag.



Computing – Adding and changing text

This week we will continue our PowerPoint presentation on Ladywell trees. The children will work on any steps they have not yet completed.

This might be pasting the images of the trees, adding text, editing and improving the text or adding animations and transitions.

Keep practising those mouse and keyboard skills at home with your child – even using the mousepad on a laptop will be beneficial. Paint is a great program for your child have fun with whilst brushing up on these skills. You could also allow your children to get more familiar with PowerPoint. Any practise will be hugely valuable when enter the computing suite in the near future.

Geography – Compass Skills and Key Design

This week the children will be introduced to compasses and their directions. We will use them to identify which part of the school certain features are. North? South? East or West?

In the second part of the lesson the children will be thinking about what features they want in a new nature garden they will designing. They will then draw symbols for these features that will later go in a map key.

Follow this link to see the map. Can you spot the compass? Can you find the different features listed in the key on the map?



<https://www.thinglink.com/scene/966320910766178306>

RE – Churches

This week we will be starting our RE focus on Christianity. We will be looking churches, how Christians use them and what events can happen inside them.



PE

The children will have two sessions of PE during the week.

In their first session they will focus on **athletics**. During their second session the children will develop their **fitness**.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school ready to get changed for their PE sessions.



Keep fit at home too! Remember to use the many resources and ideas on the **Get Set 4 P.E** website (activities can be found in the 'Active Families' section)!

Why not work on your child's throwing accuracy and spring spellings at the same time with the below activity!



Spell it out 

What you need: Post it notes, a pen and a ball or pair of socks

How to play:

- Write a letter of the alphabet on each post it note and stick them to a wall.
- Begin 3m away and throw your ball to hit the letters and spell the following words...SUN, SPRING, FLOWER, RAINBOW
- Then have a go at making your own word.
- Have someone else with you? Can they guess your word?
- Playing against someone else? Who can spell the words in the quickest time?

 **Point your fingertips in the direction of your target after you have thrown.**

Have a lovely weekend all.

The Year 1 team 😊