

Year 2 Newsletter No.19

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This Week - We are Creators!



Welcome back after the half term holiday. The week has got off to a flying start with our new topic "Growth and Green Fingers".

In our **English** lessons we have been looking at information books and the features of instruction writing. We have made our own finger puppets and written instructions for the children in Class 1 to use. We have also been finding verbs and looking how verbs are used in instructions to give commands and begun finding words using the suffix _ly.

In **Mathematics** this week we have been using measures and measuring classroom objects using centimetre rulers and tape measures. We have also been comparing lengths and masses using $<$, $>$ and $=$ symbols.

In **RE** and **Science** lessons this week we have begun exploring New Life in Nature. We will be examining, recording and growing plants and looking at the changes in the natural habitats around school in the coming weeks. We would greatly appreciate any donations of house or small garden plants to assist our studies.

A big "Thank you" to those parents who have already assisted with this. The children are already watching and noting the changes that are taking place with some of these plants.



How you can help...

Homework this week:

- **Spellings** - suffix _ly words
- **Reading/English** - Wolves Comprehension worksheet.
- **"Talk Time"** - Please talk to your child about the plants you have in your gardens or local area.
- **Mathematics** - Multiplication worksheet/Mathletics activities online.
- **Times Tables** - $\times 4$ tables
- **Extra Mile Challenge:** How many plants do you eat in a day? Find out about the food you eat during one day. Record all the different plants you eat. Any surprises?

Things to remember...

There will be a letter regarding a KS1 visit to the Brockholes Visitor Centre coming home next week. This visit will link to our Summer term topic "Wind in the Willows" and will take part after the Easter holidays. Details to follow soon.

Nature Studies - Wellingtons/Sturdy shoes and waterproof coats for outdoor studies and learning activities please. Thank you if you have already sent these in.

Book Week - Thursday 2nd March Character Dress-Up Day Please support our school Christian ethos. No Halloween or scary costumes please. Thank you



Next Week - We are Botanists!



Next week is **Extreme English** week. We are very excited and looking forward to doing lots of interesting activities. We will be having a visit from local author Barry Durham who will be sharing his latest story with us... I wonder what Figaro the Cat Detective has been up to now?

World Book Day on Thursday will be our "Character Dressing-Up Day" and the children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from a book. (No scary costumes please.) The children will also visit all the other classes that day and complete different book themed activities with each class teacher.

Don't forget our "BOOK SWAP" as well. We would love to children to share their favourite stories with each other and if you have a great book in good condition, why not bring it in to swap for a different one?

In **Science** we will be identifying and naming common plants including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will be identifying the parts of a plant and begin our Nature Journals. We will be working outside completing nature walks and exploring plant life in the school grounds.

In our **Design and Technology** lessons we will be exploring existing fruit and vegetable products and investigate how they are made. We will look at where food comes from and taste foods to see which we prefer. Please let me know if your child has any food allergies relating to fruits and vegetables. Our **Art** work will also link to this and we will be making observational drawings of plants and look at the work of the artist Monet.

In our **RE** lessons we will begin exploring the awe and wonder of new life and how this links to Easter.



Congratulations!



Christian Value of Hope - Evie Billsborough
Curriculum Award - Ryan Ekins
Star Writer - Ryan Ekins

A big "thumbs up" to our class members who have demonstrated consistent **Outstanding Behaviour** or shown **Exceptional Effort** this week!



Lewis, Lottie, Faith, Jensen, Freyja, Ryan, George G, George K, Evie,
Ethan, Davy-Jae, Harrison, Gomezyo and Alfie

Thank you for all your help and support.

Mrs. Ramsay

