

Dear Parents,

The summer term is here, our first topic is 'Ready, Steady Sow'. The topic is based around growing plants and understanding what plants need to survive, more information regarding the curriculum focus is set out below. We are excited to let you know that we have planned a class trip to The Eden Project on Tuesday 3rd May, you will receive a letter this week with more information.

As your child enters their last term in Reception, we have altered their timetable to increase the amount of time that they receive direct teacher led lessons with the whole class, this in preparation for Year 1. The children will still access child led play-based activities in Turtles room but less frequently than last term.

Seahorses Class continue to have 2 P.E lessons a week, both lessons are outdoor based, we are still finding it helpful and less time consuming for the children to wear their P.E kit to school on these days. It is vital that the children wear or bring suitable P.E shoes for these lessons. Outdoor learning will continue to be on Monday's, and we would still prefer the children to keep a pair of wellies in school just in case unpredictable summer weather arises.

We have been pleased with the recent implementation of the new reading and phonics scheme, Little Wandle. The overall progress, enthusiasm and confidence levels has been positive. We will continue to send home a decodable reading book on a Friday, this book will have been read a minimum of two times with your child at school, therefore, your child should not find this book too challenging. Your child will also be able to bring home a sharing book each week, which we encourage you to read together, this book will not be matched to their reading ability, so adults will need to read this book with them.

English	Our English lessons will be based upon the books of; Jack and the Beanstalk, The Little Gardener, Yucky Worms, The Night Gardener and It starts with a seed. Daily phonics lesson continues and we will be following the Little Wandle sequence of learning. This term we will be supporting and promoting writing for purposes, the children will be encouraged to write structured sentences and develop their stamina for writing.
Mathematics	Our maths focuses are; exploring numbers beyond 10, counting patterns, adding more, taking away and 2D shapes.

Understanding of the World	Our topic is based around plants, therefore the children will be planting their own plants, making observations, and learning about what plants need to grow and survive. The children will be using plant grown produce to make different simple food dishes.
R.E	This term we will be revisiting Islam, developing a further understanding of who a Muslim is and what they believe in.
Expressive Arts and Design	In art lessons with Mrs Richards and Mrs Prout, the children will be learning some simple sketching skills and practicing these skills through still life and outside plant sketching.
P.E	P.E lessons will be focusing on athletics sports and developing running, throwing, and jumping skills.
Cornish	The children we be extending Cornish vocabulary and learning simple phrases to use in a conversation.
Communication and language	Our Reception children will continue to be delivered NELI sessions each week, focusing on the key listening rules and introducing and using new vocabulary. The children will also be exposed to frequent storytelling language in whole class English lessons.
Personal, social and emotional development.	We will be following the Christopher Winter project to deliver some lessons focusing on why hygiene is important and recognising that all families are different.

Please refer to the school website for an in-depth curriculum overview and to see what we get up to. Your child will receive a new optional homework letter at the end of the week. If you have any questions please approach a member of staff at the end of the day, we are very approachable and willing to help.

Regards

Miss Simpson and Miss Bonser