Reception/Year 1 News

Summer Term 1 – Our topic is



In the Garden

Days to Remember

Mrs Walton teaches: Mon & Tues

Mrs Wood teaches:

Wed, Thurs & Fri PE: Mondays and Wednesdays

Forest Schools:

Every Friday weather permitting

Please ensure that wellies are in school!

As we are now in the Summer term we will (hopefully) be having some warmer weather. Please make sure that children have sun hats and sunscreen in school on warmer days.

Welcome back to the first half of the Summer term. This half-term our topic is *In the Garden*. Through this unit, we will find out about all the beautiful plants growing in our local area. We will investigate different plants and seeds and find out what they need to grow. Through being 'plant detectives' we will learn to identify the parts of plants and develop skills such as observation, identification and asking and answering questions. We will also be learning all about minibeasts, investigating the creatures we might find in the garden, and finding out about lifecycles.

English

In English this half term the children will be working on Information Texts. We will be reading and exploring information books and fact sheets, and learning how to use features such as contents pages, glossaries and subheadings. We will be writing information sheets, lifecycles and fact files, and even performing in our own nature documentary programmes!



As you may be aware, pupils in Year 1 will take a phonic screening test in June this year. To help support our work on phonics in school please work on weekly spellings at home. Regular reading at home plays an important role in the development of phonic skills, and we appreciate the considerable effort and support put in by parents. Please write in reading records when you read with your child, and if you have any questions regarding how best to support your child please come in for a chat.



During this half term we will be working on a range of mathematical skills. In Year One we will be learning about weight, capacity and volume, and how to read simple scales. We will also be working on multiplication and division. In Reception we will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes, ordering numbers and finding one more (addition) and one less (subtraction).

Wanted

As part of the development of our Early Years provision we would like to build up our supplies of 'loose parts'. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate we would be very grateful:-

*Buttons * Curtain rings *Nuts and bolts (nothing sharp) *Metal washers

*Bottle caps * Pebbles/small stones * Small baskets/pots *Corks

For regular updates on the things we do in class please check the school website and Twitter.