



April 2022

## Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your children have had an enjoyable break. I would like to thank you for your support so far and I am looking forward to working with you during this final term of the year.

Please note:

**The start times are no longer staggered but Year 1 will continue to begin the day at 8.55 and finish at 3.20.**

### Class Topic

Our topic will be 'Plants'. The children will learn about the parts of plants, how they grow and their importance for our food and environment. We will also continue to learn about seasonal change.

### Literacy

We will be reading 'The Extraordinary Gardener' by Sam Boughton and poetry by Shirley Hughes. The children will be writing descriptions and poems and also writing information texts in relation to their science work.

### Maths

The children will continue to learn calculation strategies for addition and subtraction. They will develop their use of number bonds and learn early multiplication skills. They will also learn more about shape, measurement and money.

### Reading

**Please return ALL books every Monday. We have created a space in our very busy timetable for changing library books on a Monday afternoon. On other days, we have to take time out of other lessons to change books.**

**Your child will be given a new reading book every Monday or Tuesday (this changes every week depending on when they read with an adult)**

We cannot give your child the new book that they have read with an adult that day unless they return the previous book. If a book is not returned, we cannot use the entire set of books for the next group as there will not be one each for the children to take home.

## Phonics

We will continue to practise using phonics for reading and spelling and explore different ways letter sounds can be represented. The children will continue to practise reading their special 'decodable' phonics readers three times a week as well as reading the book that they bring home to share with you.

## Handwriting

The children will have regular handwriting practice to develop neat, well-formed letters and to continue to develop their pencil grip. Later in the term, they will begin joining letters.

## PE

The children will have PE with Coach Charlie on Wednesdays and with me on Fridays

## Home Learning and Seesaw

Home learning is set every Friday on Seesaw. There are sometimes printed sheets to accompany this. Thank you to all of the children who have tried very hard and produced high quality work.

I will continue to post photos of our activities in school on Seesaw so make sure that you are checking it regularly.

If you have a problem with your Seesaw login, please come and see me as soon as possible.

## Trips

As part of our topic on plants, we will be visiting Camley Street, Hampstead Heath and Regent's Park. We will also visit London Zoo to learn more about animals and take a final walk in Rochester Terrace Gardens to look at seasonal change. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June Camley Street

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June Hampstead Heath

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July Rochester Terrace Gardens

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July London Zoo

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July Regent's Park

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me after school. Although it is very busy when the children are being dismissed, you are welcome to wait to talk to me or we can arrange a telephone appointment at a more convenient time.

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