

Just to let you know...



Year One 19th April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a wonderful start to Summer term this week. It was so lovely to see all the children again and hear all about their Easter Holidays.

We have got straight back into the swing of things and have thoroughly enjoyed starting our new topic—Growing! The children have planted lots of lovely flowers which you can see by our ramp.

In Science this week they have learnt all about the parts of a plant, and have spent time drawing a flower diagram and labelling the stem, petals, roots, seeds and leaves. They also planted some cress seeds in science which hopefully we will be able to eat next week!

A highlight of the children's week was a science lesson where they got to eat all the parts of a flower! We tried a root (in the form of a carrot), a stem (in the form of celery), a flower head (in the form of broccoli), a leaf (in the form of spinach), and some seeds (in the form of sunflower seeds).

We have our Guildford library trip coming up next week, on Tuesday (Oak) and Friday (Beech). We currently have very limited parent volunteers so if you are available to come with us please let us know as soon as possible.

Further on the 15th May we have our Year 1 trip to Wisley which will be a lovely trip looking at many plants. If you would like to help with that please also contact Emily or Emma.

Have a great weekend, The Year 1 Team x



Dates

23rd April (Oak), 26th April (Beech) - trip to Guildford library.

15th May—trip to Wisley.

For our growing topic this term we would love it if you could donate any compost you have and any plants/seeds, in particular strawberry plants!



Phonics

This term we are not learning any new sounds or tricky words, we are revisiting lots of the old sounds in preparation for the phonics screening - which is coming up fast!

Please practice at home! This week we have revisited:

'e' as in fever and she

'a-e' as in shake and cake

'ay' as in play and may

'ea' as in treat and bead

Tricky words:

said, were, sure, eye and pure

We have also introduced 'alien words' to the children, these are nonsense words which purely assess the children's ability to decode and blend, for example 'joil'. These will be in the phonics screenings test in June.

Maths

In maths we have been learning to count in 10s, 2s and 5s. They are doing really well with this. We have also looked at the 10, 2 and 5 times tables! Practice counting in 10s, 2s, and 5s at home with your child.

English

This week in English we have been writing some wonderful descriptions of various plants, we even designed our own plant and wrote a description of it using many adjectives!