



Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a restful spring break and are looking forward to warmer, brighter days ahead. This half term our theme is 'Glorious Gardens', which will link together many areas of the curriculum.

**English:**

Our text this half term is the beautifully illustrated, '**A Home for Every Plant: Wonders of the Botanical World**' by Matthew Biggs. We will also be looking at poetry by Spike Milligan.

Reading within school continues to be an important part of the children's learning, each week the children have guided reading sessions in class, along with daily reading practice. We also continue to encourage reading at home regularly. Please can all children bring their reading books and reading records to school each day.

**Maths:**

In Maths, we will be consolidating our knowledge of fractions and measures, before beginning our unit on time. This is a great opportunity to discuss analogue and digital clocks with your child and practise telling the time.

We will be continuing to learn and revise our times tables throughout the term. We encourage the children to learn their tables at home, each week, using Times tables Rockstars. Each term the children have opportunities to earn badges for their time spent learning on this website.

**Computing: Programming (events and actions)**

Learners will begin by moving a sprite in four directions (up, down, left and right). They will then explore movement within the context of a maze, using design to choose an appropriately sized sprite. This unit also introduces programming extensions, through the use of pen blocks. Learners are given the opportunity to draw lines with sprites and change the size and colour of lines. The unit concludes with learners designing and coding their own maze tracing program.

**Geography:**

In our geography lessons, we will be building on our prior learning about the United Kingdom, and exploring the physical and human features of the countries that make up the British Isles.

Children will look at where the UK is on a world map, the four different countries and their capital cities, rivers and mountains and different landscapes and landmarks within our countries.

**PE:**

Our PE lessons will move to summer sports and focus on developing athletic skills, including strength, agility and speed.

Our competitive sport this half term is tennis. Children will be learning the tactics, rules and teamwork, in addition to fundamental skills and movement.

**Science:**

We will be investigating the functions of different parts of plants, and what they require in order to survive and thrive. We will be planning and carrying out different experiments and comparative tests to help us with our learning.

**RE:**

Children will learn about what it means to be a Christian in Britain today. They will explore what happens in church at different times in the week, and learn about how different Christians use music to worship God.

**Music:**

In Music we will be learning brass instruments with Trafford Music Service. This is part of their Wider Opportunities programme. Keep an eye out on ClassDojo for information about our year group concert at the end of this project.

**Art**

Pupils will learn about the rich history of the Willow Pattern Plate, explore modern abstraction through Rob Strati's fragmented art, and develop their skills in combining both styles to create unique, contemporary interpretations of traditional design.

**MFL:**

In this unit pupils will learn 10 fruits and be introduced to the simple opinions 'I like' and 'I do not like'.

By the end of the unit pupils will have the knowledge and skills to be able to say which fruits they like and do not like.