Our theme this half term is: Growth and Green Fingers

Our learning this half term will be focused around our theme, ‘Green fingers’. We will be linking green fingers in as many of our subjects as possible. In English and Science we will be doing much fact finding about looking after and growing plants.

**English**

We will begin our literacy with learning how to follow and make instructions for grass heads like Mr Bloom. Then we will grow bean plants and learn how to take care of them. Following on from this we will look at instructions linked to our design technology lessons where the children will plan and make a fruit salad. Week 3 we will focus on Poetry linking to nature, plants and flowers. Then we will end this half term with Jack and the beanstalk and other familiar stories such as the Enormous Turnip and Oliver’s Vegetables.

**Maths**

We will be covering addition and subtraction, length, data handing, money, problem solving and multiplication and division. We will be applying mathematical areas to our topic where possible and we will be applying methods learned to practical activities and real life situations. We continue to follow the abacus scheme.

**Science**

We will be identifying a variety of common wild and garden plants and trees. There will be lots of observation and comparisons taking place. We will examine how plants and trees change over time. There will be lots of outdoor investigations taking place where we will explore vegetables and fruit. Finally, we will concentrate on growing plants and look at how we can keep our plants healthy. In addition to our Science we will link with Forest School to develop further.

**Art and Design**

The children will be looking at impressionist work such as Monet. They will then attempt observational drawings of flowers and plants using differing techniques such as oil pastels and the more able children will be using acrylic paints. They will then concentrate on the paintings such as ‘The Garden of Giverny’ and ‘Water Lillies’. In Design Technology the children will be planning and making their own fruit salad.

**Physical Education and Physical Development.**

On Thursday the children will be having PE lessons with Coach Marie in which they will be concentrating on all ball skills such as throwing, catching, kicking, dribbling, control and striking. On Tuesday the lessons we will be concentrating on fundamental movement skills, Invasion games and keeping fit.

**Computing**

This half term computing will be all about programming in particular instructions. All the children will have the opportunity to use our bee bots

**RE**

**The Worship Theme is Justice**

Our RE this half term is Easter celebrating new life and new beginnings

**Role Play and Small World**

The role play this half term will be a flower shop we have already collected lots of items for the shop. However, should you have anything that may be useful we would be very grateful. The small world will be a miniature garden.

**PSHE**

In PSHE this term we will be looking Good to me.

We are going to try and arrange a trip to Holden Clough Garden Centre or Shackleton’s and we will let you know when this has been arranged.

**Home reading books – Please can you make sure your child has their reading book in their bag at all times and can you try and listen to your child read daily.**

**Spellings – Year 1 and 2 will get new spellings every Thursday and will be tested on these the following Thursday. This should give children extra time over the weekend to learn them. The weekly spellings are linked to the Red Rose Phonics scheme**

**Year 1 Parents will be invited to attend a phonics workshop in March, I will send out information later this month of the date. At the meeting parents will be given information about the phonics screening test in June.**

**Year 2 Parents will be invited to attend a SATs meeting in March I will send out information later this month at the meeting I will speak individually with parents informing of any areas that your child needs to work on.**

**Phonics and Word Bags – Reception children will continue to learn new sounds/ blends. When your child has learned all the blends, revisit frequently as children can soon forget them. The reception children also have a word bag and the words are checked and changed every Friday.**

**Forest School – This continues to take place on a Thursday afternoon please can your child come into School with warm waterproof clothing or bring in the Forest School clothes in a bag.**

**Water Bottles – Please could your child bring in their own water bottle labelled with their name as this is much more hygienic.**

**Snack time – We encourage the children to choose a piece of fruit at break time, your child can bring in their own snack but this must be a healthy snack.**

**P.E Bags – Please can you make sure your child has all their PE clothes labelled.**

**Show and Tell – This takes place on Monday morning only and it is always more interesting to share an experience with us, rather than a toy.**

**BBA ( The Brilliant Book Awards) – Most children have read all 4 books of the BBA books. However, if you have any at home please can you bring them into School so we can pass them on to other children.**

**Picking up Pre School children – Children are to be collected from the canopy door at 3.20pm. This will also give parents an opportunity to talk to Miss Ormerod about the day and we will make sure your child’s learning journey is available for your perusal.**

**Thank you for your continued support. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions regarding our learning this term.**

**Mrs Taylor & Miss Ormeod**