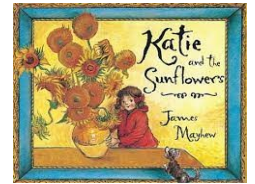


Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all enjoyed time with your family over the Easter break. Hopefully, the children have had plenty of time to recharge their batteries ready for the summer term, as we've got lots in store for them!

Routines: Most of the routines from last half term remain in place. PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays (1DT) and Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1M). Reading bags with their reading books and diaries, need to be brought to school every day. Reading takes place twice a day in the form of group reads as well as individual readers. Reading books and homework will be collected in on Thursdays. Spellings and homework will be given out and tested on Friday. These will be a combination of statutory spelling rules and non-negotiable words.

English: Our English lessons this half-term are based around the texts **'It Starts With a Seed'** and **'Katie and the Sunflowers'**. As readers and writers, we will continue to focus on spelling, handwriting and writing sentences. The children will also have opportunities to explore poetry by drawing, creating, playing with words and learning to recite a poem. This will lead on to creating their own poems.



Phonics: We will continue to follow the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme, recapping Phase 5, in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening in June.

Maths: This half term we will start with Measures – Mass and Capacity, before moving onto multiplication and division. We will start by using practical resources such as cubes and counters to show how objects can be grouped and shared, before moving onto representing this with pictures. We will also continue to learn and to fluently recall number bonds to 20 and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's - ensuring we can do this quickly both forwards and backwards. Following on from this, we will learn about fractions - finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts.



Science and Geography: The topic for this half term is **'Our Enchanted Garden'**. We will be observing the changing of the seasons, including the weather and day length. We will be working scientifically by getting outside to observe the changes in nature as spring arrives. They will learn about the growth of a plant, name and identify common wild flowers and trees.

Art: In Art our focus will be Van Gogh's Sunflowers, we will study the life of Van Gogh and paint our own observational sunflower paintings.

R.E: We will be focusing on the question **'Who do Christians say made the world?'**. We will learn about the creation story and recognise that 'Creation' is the beginning of the 'Big Story' of the Bible. We will think deeply about what the story tells Christians about God, Creation and the world.

Computing: Children will be introduced to on-screen programming through ScratchJr. Children will explore the way a project looks by investigating sprites and backgrounds. They will use programming blocks to use, modify, and create programs.

PSHE: We will be focussing on our own health and well being, looking at **'Who helps keep us safe?'**

PE: This half term we will be doing health related fitness and tennis in PE. In health related fitness the children will work on their own strength and endurance. In tennis, the children will learn to control the ball with accuracy and send and receive a ball with a racket.

Music: This half-term our focus will be 'Say it, play it', we will learn to plan and perform our own raps.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, either in person on the playground or by email.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Dunne, Miss Marlborough and Miss Thackeray