

# GO WILD!



## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER YEAR 1: SUMMER TERM 1ST HALF

This newsletter is designed to give parents and carers a taste of the coming topic for Year 1. We have detailed below the main themes that we hope to cover, although there may be changes to respond to the children's ideas and interests. Some subjects will have a greater share of time depending on the topic but we ensure that there is a balance over the year. We hope you find this newsletter useful!

STIMULUS: Jack and the Beanstalk story, village walks and  
a PSHE Workshop exploring emotions and feelings

### LITERACY:

In writing we will be writing a story based on Jack and the Beanstalk, and a non fiction piece as a Bean Growing Diary. We will also be writing poetry about plants.

### MATHEMATICS:

We will be looking at place value using tens and ones, 2D and 3D shapes, money and problem solving. Basic mathematics teaching follows the National Curriculum.

### SCIENCE:

The key skills are finding out about plants and growth, naming parts and exploring seasonal change, especially using our Sensory Garden and local environment. The children will also take part in planting and growing opportunities including growing their own beanstalk!

### PSHE:

We are following a unit of work based around 'How to be Safe'. There will be the extra opportunity to explore feelings as part of our ongoing unit focused on emotions.

### GEOGRAPHY:

The children will learn about their local environment and identify key features during local walks around the village.

### ART:

The children will use different materials for sculptures, exploring man made and natural materials and completing observational drawings of plants and flowers.

### DESIGN TECHNOLOGY:

This unit is about exploring joining by making flaps, hinges and using split pins. The children will also make paper flowers with rolling and folding techniques.

### PE:

The games unit is athletics. There is also a dance unit focused on country dancing ready for the annual school Fun Day. We follow Essex PE and REAL PE as our core schemes of work.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

We follow the Essex agreed syllabus for RE. The theme is 'Special Things in Nature'.

### MUSIC:

We will be following exploring timbre in music this half term and learning topic related songs.

### COMPUTING:

We are learning about programming using a computer and the school network.

N.B. Key ICT skills are mainly taught as part of cross curricular work. Most subjects are directly linked to the topic with few that are taught separately. In addition, reading, spelling, handwriting, grammar and mathematics follow separate schemes of work linked to the National Curriculum.

*Don't forget you can help at home with daily reading, learning number bonds, Word Wizard books and using the 'Espresso', 'Purple Mash' and 'Oxford Owl' websites.*