

# Class 1 Newsletter

April 2017 – Term 5

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter Break. Welcome back to our fifth term in Class 1; we are looking forward to beginning our new topic called...

## ‘The Tiny Seed’

In this topic the children will be exploring the journey of a seed, what it may grow into, and how it can be a food source. This week the children will be given their own tiny seed to look after and grow, although they won't be told what sort of seed it is! The children will also be searching for seeds inside an assortment of fruit and having a go at drying and planting the seeds they find. Next week we will visit the local farm where they grow apple trees and the children will sample apple juice made from the apples on the farm. We may also take a sneaky peak at the lambs whilst we are there too. Later on in the term we have also invited Tesco in to talk to the children about the journey of food from ‘Farm to Fork’.

Here is a summary of the other things that the children will be doing...

<u>Literacy</u> : Reading stories linked to the topic, including Jack and the Beanstalk, The Little Red Hen and The Tiny Seed. We will also read and write recipes and explore poems linked to plants and food.	<u>Science</u> : Looking at how to grow seeds and the conditions/weather needed for plants to grow. The children will relate this to our seasons and what we can grow in our country in different seasons.
<u>Maths</u> : Practising number skills and developing problem-solving. The children will measure their plants and during cooking activities; practise using money in the class café.	<u>Art</u> : A focus on the art work in Eric Carle's books. The children will also try printing and making patterns using fruit and vegetables.
<u>Music</u> : Learning songs and playing musical instruments for a production of Jack and the Beanstalk which we will be performing to parents/carers later on in the term (date to follow).	<u>DT</u> : Making a working Jack and the Beanstalk model using a simple mechanism. The pupils will also be baking bread and following a recipe to make soup.
<u>History</u> : Exploring the change in what we eat and where our food comes from compared to previous generations.	<u>Geography</u> : Learning about the journey of a banana and why it is important to buy Fairtrade products
<u>R.E</u> : The children will be studying Judaism, listening to stories and learning about traditional Jewish customs.	<u>P.E</u> : Mini athletics – The children will be running, jumping, throwing, and skipping. They will also participate in partner/team games.

Reading Books - Please continue to encourage your children to change their reading book and record each time they read in their reading journal.

PE kits - Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times (including trousers/a jumper and outside trainers or plimsolls) as we will be going outside for PE this term.

Wellies - Please can you make sure that your child has a pair of wellies for wearing in the ‘Outdoor Classroom’ in school at all times.

Other - If you have any odd seed packets, seedlings, spare compost, pots etc to add to our class garden we would be grateful of anything that you wouldn't mind donating. We would also welcome any parent helpers who may like to come in and have a go at gardening or cooking with the children.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Davies, Mrs Heard, Mrs Eales and Mrs Drinkwater