

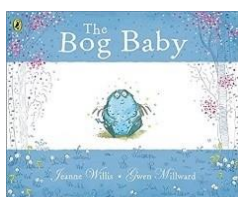


Welcome back. We hope you've all had a restful holiday, and we look forward to the busy half term ahead! If you have any questions or would like any support with anything, please come and ask anyone in the Y1 team.

### ? THEME AND BIG QUESTION

## Down at the bottom of the garden

How does a plant grow?



### NOTICES

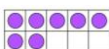
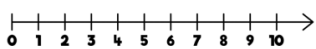


- Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school **every day** and check inside for new books and notices. Please ensure that PE kits are brought in for PE days (Monday and Wednesday), and that they are labelled with your child's name. Remember to label all items of uniform too! **Please can all children bring their water bottles with them every day and filled with water only.**

### MATHS



- Our main focus this half term is **addition and subtraction within 20.**
- The children will deepen their knowledge of parts and wholes, number bonds to 10, and number bonds within 20.
- They will practise reading and writing number sentences and continue to count forwards and backwards, sorting, matching and comparing objects and numbers to 50.
- We will continue to use concrete materials such as Numicon, ten frames, counters and cubes to support with mathematical thinking, reasoning and problem solving.



### OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF



TERM IS...  
**THANKFULNESS**



### KEY DATES

- 24/02/25 Healthy inside and out day
- 3/03/25 Class poetry competition
- 5/03/25 Lent service at St Peter's Church at 9.15am for KS1
- 6/03/25 World Book Day
- 12/03/25 Galley poetry competition finals in front of the whole school
- 18/03/25 Year 1 parents and carers stay and read event at 9am
- 01/04/25 Easter church service at St Peter's at 9.30am
- 01/04/25 Parent's evening night 1
- 02/04/25 Year 1 school trip to the Carriageworks to see live performance of The Gruffalo
- 02/04/25 Parent's evening night 2
- 04/04/25 Last day of term



### ENGLISH



- We will continue to practise learning our phonics and recap Phase 4 sounds and tricky words and learn our Phase 5 sounds and tricky words.
- The children will continue to read three times per week in small reading groups.
- We will be reading Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis. We will use this book to continue to write simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, also focusing on letter formation and handwriting.
- The children will also be writing instructions on how to grow a sunflower, which links in with our science topic about plants.



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## SCIENCE



### Plants

**Do all flowers have a stem?**

- The children will learn all about sunflowers. They will learn the parts of a flower; the lifecycle of a sunflower and they will compare common garden plants and wild plants. The children will be planting their own sunflower seeds and observing the changes that take place as they grow.



## PSHE

### Physical health and well-being

- The children will learn about different foods, keeping active by playing games and keeping safe in the sun.
- On Healthy Inside and Out day they will explore the topic of Feeling Good and Being Me.

## PE



### PE days – Monday and Wednesday

Monday's PE will be inside and will be gymnastics.

Wednesday's PE will be outside and will be ball skills.

**As we have some PE sessions outside, please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothes, for example:**

- a black or red plain jumper
- black joggers
- red t-shirt
- black shorts
- trainers



## COMMUNICATION

- Please ensure you check Seesaw regularly.
- Also, don't forget to visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [class webpage](#) to see all our learning in Y1 and school.



## RE



### Salvation – Why does Easter matter to Christians?

- The children will be learning about the story of Easter. They will learn about the key events in the Easter Story and why Christians believe these are important events. The children will discuss which parts of the story are happy, and which parts are sad.
- The children will learn the different ways that Christians celebrate Easter.

## DT



### Mechanisms

- The children will be learning about mechanisms, exploring sliders and levers.
- The children will make their own card with moving parts using a mechanism.

## COMPUTING



### Using 2Simple

- The children will continue to use computer to login safely.
- They will also be learning about animated books and will create their own digital story.



## HOME LEARNING

- Please read as much as possible with your child. Try and aim to read with your child **daily** for at least 10 minutes and make a short note in their reading diary.
- It is also important that you read to your child as much as possible too!
- **Home learning will be given out every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.**



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