



Pumpkin Newsletter



Summer Term 1 2019

This term our topics are split across the two half terms. We have some fantastic learning opportunities that we look forward to sharing with you!

Topic

Our topic for the first half term is **Plants** and we will become 'gardeners' for a few weeks. Our science work will focus on investigations around plant growth; carrying out fair tests and making accurate observations. We will also look at plant habitats. We will use non-fiction books to learn about different plants and trees and fiction books such as Jack and The Beanstalk.

Art and design work will focus on patterns in nature and colour mixing with paints as well as sewing and joining fabrics in different ways.



Hook Day Wednesday 24th April

Our Hook day this half term will be a gardening experience. We will spend time planting different seeds and bulbs—we're even going to grow our very own beanstalk! Children need to come to school in clothes suitable for gardening and bring a change of wellies or trainers in a plastic bag please.



PE Fridays

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit, clearly **named**, long hair is tied back and earrings must be removed. Bags may be left in the cloakroom throughout the week/term.

Home Learning

Exciting new Home Learning activities are now in your child's home learning book. Home learning can be handed into the basket on any day, however they are checked each **Thursday**. Children are expected to **read a minimum of 3 times per week** and this is checked on a Thursday also. Every week the number of pupils that read at least 3 times is recorded. The class with the highest percentage of home readers gain a prize for their class. Please continue to practise the Year 1 & 2 common exception words (these are in the Home Learning books also). The expectation is that all of these words can be read and spelt correctly by the end of Year 2.

School Web-Site

We like to keep everyone informed of what is happening in our school, so we ensure photos, blogs and work are sent to our school web site. Keep a look out for our learning blogs.

Mrs Smith, Mrs Hopkins and Mr Sowerby