

Dear Parents / Carers,

The table below gives you information about the Theme your child will be learning about for this term, each class can take a different approach to this theme, to be more specific for the group of children, your child is with. If you feel you can help us in any way please get in touch!

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Growing Growing Gone</h2>			
Curriculum Subject Focus	Science Plants	Geography Physical environment Weather	Art 2d and 3D
	Term	Summer	
Why are we doing this theme?			
<p>This theme aims to develop a broader understanding of plants, how they grow and change and the variety of plants we can eat. Pupils will experience different climates and plants grown around the world and develop an understanding of health and the importance of the food we eat, they will explore diets through culture and choice and develop a respect for individual differences. Pupils will learn about the impact of climate change on plants, technologies and strategies to provide sustainable food sources. Underpinning this will be the links to real life skills, enabling pupils to grow and cook their own foods.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Centred Schools Driver: <i>Coping & Positive Relationships</i></p>			
Class Focus	<p>In J2 this term will be working hard across all lessons to promote independence by finding and collecting equipment for learning, dressing and undressing for swimming and P.E lesson. We will be preparing our own snacks and will be working closely with J4 class in D.T to form new friendships and promote social interactions. We are going to be doing lots of planting and will learn what plants need and how to care for them.</p>		
Project & External Visits	<p>Planting, sowing seeds and caring for plants. Growing herbs to use in our soup making cooking sessions. Community visit – swimming at Armthorpe Leisure Centre on Monday mornings Buddy time with J4 (D.T cooking/shabang)</p>		
Independence Cooking	<p>During our cooking session we will be concentrating on independent hand washing and finding our own equipment ready to use the microwave or hob to warm up soup. We will taste test and identify our favourite flavours.</p>		
Books	<p>The Tiny Seed Eric Carle Plants to the rescue Vikram Baliga Holes Louis Sachar</p>		
Happy Centred School	<p>During our Happy Centred School lessons we will be concentrating on recognising and naming familiar emotions and working together to encourage social interactions.</p>		

Key Dates:

- School Closed for Friday 18th and Monday 21st April for the Easter Bank Holiday.
- 17th April Easter & Curriculum Event for Parents and Carers.
- 23rd May School Closes for the Half term, re-opens on 3rd June.
- 2nd June is a Training day.
- 17th June (PM) Sports Day
- 2nd July Parents Evening – Transition Focus
- 11th July Y14s last day, Post 16 Prom & Class Parties.
- 21st July Transition week Commences
- 25th July School Closes and the Summer Holidays begin

As always thank you for your Support

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