

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!

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| Growing Growing Gone  |
| **Curriculum Subject Focus** | ***Science******Plants*** | ***Geography*** | ***Art*** |
|  | **Term** | ***Summer*** |  |
| **Why are we doing this theme?** |
| 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.**Happy Centred Schools Driver:** *Coping & Positive Relationships* |
| **Class Focus** | *Oak Class children love digging and playing in the sand. Our focus this term, to tie in with our topic, will be digging in soil and planting seeds of different varieties. We will be watering our seeds and observing the changes in them over time. Any edible seeds, we will prepare and eat showing how our food arrives on our plates.*  |
| **Project & External Visits** | *We are learning about planting and growing this term. We have a visit to Boston Park farm booked for* ***Tuesday 22nd April 2025.*** *Children will have the opportunity to ride on a tractor and pet small farm animals. Following this, we will be planting sunflower seeds and running a small competition to see which Woodlands Class grows the tallest!* |
| **Independence Cooking** | *We are learning to mix ingredients together, some of us independently. We will be mixing melted chocolate and cornflakes to create simple Easter nests in the first half.**Some of us will be learning simple safety rules when using knives. We will be chopping fruits (hopefully some that we have grown in class!) to make a summer fruit salad in the second half.*  |
| **Books** | *Jack & the Beanstalk**Supertato* |
| **Happy Centred School** | *Our driver for Happy Centred School is Coping. We will be naming, identifying and learning to manage our emotions in a non-aggressive manner. We will use our PECs to communicate how we are feeling on a regular basis tying together our EHC targets and curriculum learning.*  |

**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.
* Boston Park Farm visit - Tuesday 22nd April 2025.
* 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,

**Chloe Jones**