

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***  ***Changes*** | ***Art***  ***2D and 3D*** |
|  | **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 be exposed to how changes in climate impact on plants and how we can look after our planet. 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** | *In J4 we will observe nature around us and describe similarities and differences between plants, seasons and weather. We will plant seeds and observe their growth and improve our art skills, using various media and creating art work linked to nature.* | | | | |
| **Project & External Visits** | *We will practice improving the road safety rules while visiting the local shop. We will be preparing our art work and dishes and presenting them to parents towards the end of the school year.* | | | | |
| **Independence Cooking** | *We will continue to work on their friendship skills in the Buddy Time lessons with pupils from another class. We will be helping each other to make pizza and vegetable soups. We will keep on with teeth brushing skills, hand washing and tiding up after each lesson.* | | | | |
| **Books** | ‘The Tiny Seed’-Eric Carle  ‘The Secret Garden’ – Frances Hodgson-Burnett  ‘Plants to the Rescue!’ – Vikram Baliga  Core books: ‘Iron Man’ – Ted Hughes, ‘Holes’ - Louis Sachar | | | | |
| **Happy Centred Schools** | *We will continue to practice self-regulating strategies; such as calming breathing, meditation, story massage, movement breaks and will try to use them when we are dysregulated. We will also take part in pair and small group activities to develop and improve their friendships with pupils from different classes.* | | | | |

**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
* The 1st week of July (the date to follow) Parents’ afternoon in classes
* 11th July Y14s last day, Post 16 Prom & Class Parties.
* 21st July Transition week commences
* 25th July School closes and the Summer Holidays begin

**Reminders:**

**PE** and **Forest School** on Mondays, delivered by Active Fusion. Please send the clothes and footwear appropriate for the weather.

**Swimming** at school on Tuesdays. Please send the swimming kits.

As always thank you for your support

Anna Randall

Class Teacher