

# Year 1 Newsletter Spring 2 2014

This half-term our topic is 'A Gardener's World' and where possible our work in class will follow this theme.

Science - we will be looking at what plants need to grow, and exploring plants in our environment. The children will also be growing plants from seeds, and hunting for mini-beasts in the school gardens.

English - we will be sharing books with a natural theme, and writing character descriptions, settings, poems, stories and instructions to fit with our topic. If the children have 'nature' books of their own (Percy the Park-keeper for example) please feel free to send them in for us to share.

Geography - the children will learn more about our school grounds and explore different habitats for plants and animals. We will be drawing maps and plans to show what we found where.

Computing - we will be concentrating on computer skills this half-term. We will be using 'Purple Mash' to explore different programs such as graphing and word processing. The children can use this at home too - watch out for their passwords coming home!

Art  
The children will be making observational paintings and drawings. We will also explore some printing techniques using leaves and other objects from our gardens.

Maths - the children will be continuing learning numbers facts to make their mental work quicker and easier. We will also be doing some problem solving based on our garden theme.

Reading - please continue listening to your child read and commenting in their diary. Here's a quote from the National Literacy Trust - "*For children between the age of 5-14, reading activity at home has significant positive influence on students' reading achievement, attitudes towards reading and attentiveness in the classroom*". That's how important your help is!

## Homework

Homework will come home each Monday to be completed for the following Monday. This will include spellings, maths and a topic or English based activity to be completed in their homework book.

If you have any questions or concerns please catch me after school. I'm very approachable!

Mrs. S. Wolfenden

