



Dear Saplings class parents and carers,

I hope that you had a lovely Easter break.

This half term, our topic question that we will be exploring is: **How quickly do plants grow?**

Our main curriculum focus will be centred around **science**, where we will be learning all about different plants, what they need to grow and even have a go at planting our own sunflowers.

The children will be:

- identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees
- identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

In **art**, we will be developing our drawing and painting skills. The children will explore a variety of artists that have used fruit and vegetables to create art work. The children will have a go at using a variety of fruit and vegetables to create their own pieces of work.

In **English**, we will be exploring the book "Oliver's fruit salad" and "Oliver's vegetables". The children will learn to retell the story, use adjectives to describe a variety of fruits and vegetables, write a set of instructions on how to make a fruit salad and then have a go at writing their own stories! At the end of the term we will be having a go at making our own fruit salad. I will send further information out closer to the time.

Homework:

Thank you to everyone who has been reading everyday with their children and going on Doodle Maths. It makes a big impact on your child's progress in class. Homework this term will remain the same as last half term:

- Reading daily and logging reading in reading journals - please ensure that these come into school daily with library books.
- 15-30 minutes of Doodle Maths daily.
- I will continue to send out a Sticky Question for discussion on a Wednesday, ahead of our Philosophy for Children discussion that will take place on a Thursday - Please discuss the questions with your child so they are ready to share their answers. We have had some brilliant answers from the children so far.

If you have misplaced your login, you can find it at the front of your child's reading record.

Library Books:

- Please make sure your child brings their library books in **everyday**. **The children read their books every morning when they come to school.**
- I will collect the library books on Tuesday and they will be changed on Wednesday.
- New books will be sent home on a Wednesday.

There is a slip at the front of your child's reading record that tells you which reading band your child is working on in school (following the Read Write Inc scheme) and how this translates to the Oxford Owl reading book band colours. If your child does not have a slip in the front of their reading record, they are secure readers and have completed the Read Write Inc book banded scheme.

PE Kits:

We will continue to do PE on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday** in Saplings class. Although this is our plan, please ensure that PE kits are in school every day as sometimes plans change. Please ensure that all jewellery is removed, long hair is tied back and that children have trainers that they can do up by themselves.

Best wishes,

Miss McNay

Dates:

Monday 2nd May - bank holiday - school closed

Friday 20th May - Family Cinema Night

Tuesday 17th May - class photos

Friday 27th May - last day of term 5

Monday 6th June - term 6 begins