

Chawson 1st School

Summer 1 Topic Letter

Year 1

ENGLISH

What? Writing stories and instructions.

Why? Your child will learn how to write instructions.

WOW! We will be following instructions for planting seeds and watching them grow...

Help at home by:

- Reading and following instructions in games/cooking/gardening/making things.



Our topic this half term is:

Plants



MATHS

What? Why?

Understanding how to add and subtract both single digit numbers and two digit numbers to 20.

We will be learning how to tell the time to the hour and half past. We will measure time and understand why we do this and the importance of understanding time during our daily lives.

The children will be able to sequence events in chronological order within the same day and the same week.

Help at home by:

- Helping your child to understand what time is and how we can measure it e.g. how long should I brush my teeth for?
- Help your child to continue to tell the time to the hour and half past by using clocks in your home or their watches.



Cross Curricular

What? We will learn the names of a variety of plants and learn about how plants grow and what the different parts of a plant do.

Why? To be able to grow our own plants and to know what plants need to grow.

WOW! We will be expert landscape gardeners and use our knowledge of plants to design our own gardens.

Reading Books:

Reading books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. Remember to read EVERY day to be entered into the draw to win that £5 book voucher!

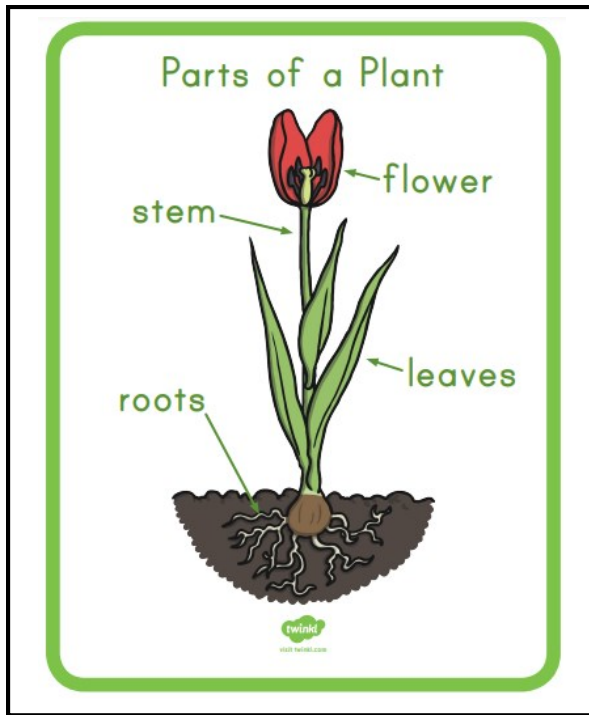
The children will choose a home reading book of their choice to bring home on a Friday. The children can change it weekly.

Important dates:

Writing Learn with your child– Thursday 8th May

Learn with your child– miniature gardens. Look out for the more information soon. Tuesday 20th May.

Topic fact sheet– Plants



Facts to know by the end of the topic:

1. That plants are classified as either common garden plants or wild plants, what these categories mean and to identify plants which fit into each of these.
2. That Van Gogh was a famous painter who created a painting called 'Sunflowers' and since his death, he has become one of the most successful painters in history.
3. That the roots of a plant are there to absorb moisture and nutrients and begin to anchor the plant into the ground.

Key vocabulary

Roots– the part of a plant that is underground. The roots keep the plant standing up and take water and food from the soil.

Nutrients– plants get nutrients from the soil which keep the plants healthy.

Stem– the main part of a plant that supports the leaves and flowers.

Leaves– where the plants food is made.

What you need to plant a seed.

A plant pot

Soil

Seeds



There are lots of different plants and flowers.

Daffodil

Poppy

Daisy

Rose

Dandelion

Tulip

Carnation

Snowdrop

Bluebell

Lily

Sunflower

Tomato plant

Strawberry plant

How many more can you think of?

