

# WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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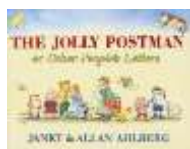
## Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fun and relaxing Easter break and are ready to begin the Summer term.

### Our Themes

This term we will be starting off with the theme of 'Sowing and Growing'. The children will be developing an understanding of how plants grow and what they need to survive. We will be looking closely at the lifecycle of a runner bean and keeping a bean diary to record its growth. The children will be learning about Charles Darwin and why he is famous. After half term we will be exploring the topic 'The Big Build'. The children will have the opportunity to explore the different types of buildings that people live in and what they are made from. This will include looking at the properties of everyday materials and their uses.

### English



During our English sessions this half term we will be using the story of 'Pattan's Pumpkin' by Chitra Soundar. We will be reading the story aloud and discussing the main characters, setting and themes in the book through shared writing and drama. We will also be writing our own versions of the story including a beginning, middle and end. After half term we will be looking at traditional and alternative versions of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will continue to develop our sentence structure and grammar, including full stops and capitals letters, as well as using other types of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks in our writing. In Phonics we shall be building on our previous learning as well as learning new sounds using our Phonics bug program in preparation for the phonics screening check in June.



### Maths



This term we shall work on our understanding of number, place value, time and position and direction. We will also be looking at ways to solve problems when collecting and analysing mathematical data such as tally charts and bar graphs. As a class we will also continue to practise adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing in our daily arithmetic lessons.

### Science

In Science this half term the children will become plant detectives by making observations of plants and flowers on the school grounds. We will learn the parts of a plant and what they need to grow. After half term we will be deepening our knowledge of everyday materials and carrying out investigations based on which materials are best suited for different purposes.

### **Home Learning**

Home Learning activities will be set at the beginning of each half term. The children will be given a choice of six activities to choose from. Their completed work will be shared with the class and celebrated at the end of every half term. In addition, spellings, reading activities and maths homework will also be sent home on a weekly basis.



### **Reading Books**



We should have our reading books and records in school every day and should read at home as often as we can. This can be either alone in a quiet place, or to an adult – either way we must make sure we have written down the number of pages read and the date in our Reading Records. Your child will also be given a set of word cards to practice recognising sounds and reading words at home. Please make sure that these are brought into school every day.

### **PE**

It is important to make sure that we have our PE kits in school throughout the week. Children will need black or blue shorts, a pale blue polo shirt, a tracksuit (for those colder outdoor sessions) and trainers.

PE will continue with Sam Loomes on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Sam uses the curriculum to create a fun program that challenges different skills and abilities.

During the second half term, they will be going swimming and more details will be sent out nearer the time.

If there are any questions or concerns about your child's learning and progress do not hesitate to come and ask. Thank you for your continued support.

**Miss Calaby**