

	<p><u>English</u></p> <p>We will start the term by completing our work on The Snail and the Whale. We will then look at the story @The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. We will use the talk for writing structure to learn and rehearse the story so that we can orally retell the story. We will then imitate the story and change the names of the characters and the setting before writing our own wishing tale. We will look at writing instructions again - recipes. This will be linked to our DT.</p> <p>We will continue to focus on using capital letters and full-stops to punctuate our sentences. We will begin to use question marks and exclamation marks appropriately. We will be checking and consolidating the phase 4 and 5 sounds in preparation for the phonics assessments later in the year. We will have spellings to learn each week from the letters and sounds program.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <p>We will continue to revise key concepts and learn new models and images to support the learning of the Year 1 curriculum.</p> <p>We will be looking at aspects of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding numbers to twenty • Subtracting numbers to twenty • Length - comparing different objects • Measuring using non-standard standard units • Understanding mathematical vocabulary <p>To help the children further develop their understanding of numbers to 20 we will be counting forwards and backwards from twenty, starting at different places. When looking at length we will be measuring a range of different objects especially our sunflowers - this will link to our science topic all about plants and growing.</p>	
	<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>This term we will learn all about flowers and trees. We will look at the life cycle of a sunflower. We will look at the parts of a plant and identify what a plant needs to grow successfully. We will be taking charge of the gardening beds by the key stage 1 playground. The children will be split into small groups and they will each plant a range of different fruits, vegetables and flowers. We will be growing cress indoors and making careful observations - using drawing and writing to record our findings. We will plant sunflowers and we will conduct experiments looking at conditions needed for plants to grow well.</p>		
	<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>We will be creating pieces of music using body percussion. We will investigate sounds that we can make with the different parts of our bodies. We will identify high and low pitch sounds and investigate a range of instruments to achieve this. Working in a small group we will compose a piece of music to tell the tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.</p>		
	<p><u>PE / Dance</u></p> <p>We will have PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays, we will have our games lessons outside unless it is raining heavily, so please bring in jogging bottoms and sweatshirts as it is still quite cold on the MUGA.</p> <p>In PE we will be creating a dance linked to our science topic of plants and</p>		

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	<u>ICT</u> We will use the i-pads to support our letters and sounds learning. We are going to look at using Scratch Junior to create an animation linked to our science topic - a sunflower growing.		
	<u>History</u> We will begin this topic by having a disco! We will listen to music from the 50s', 60s', 70s' and the 80's. During the topic we will listen to music from the Beatles and compare it to music from a modern artist - Ed Sheran. We will look at how people listen to music now and then. We will compare and contrast the music types. During the topic we will see a range of gadgets on which to hear music.		
	<u>P.S.H.E (Personal, Social and Health Education)</u> It's good to be me. We will be exploring our feelings about ourselves - identifying what we are good at and what we can do. We will think about how we can share our thoughts and ideas with each other sensitively and kindly.		
	<u>Art / DT</u> We will be creating a collage linked to our topic of plants. We will also be doing still life drawings of flowers, using a magnifying glass to look closely at detail. In DT we will be tasting different biscuits. Following on from this we will design and make Easter biscuits.	<u>RE</u> We will be looking at stories from the Bible. We will learn that Christians believe that Jesus brings good news for all people. For Christians this means being loved by God and forgiven for bad things. Christians believe that Jesus is a friend. We will find out that Christians believe Jesus' teachings make people think hard about how to live and show them the right way.	
<u>Additional Information</u> Welcome back to term 4! I hope you have had a restful half-term and that the children are feeling a little refreshed. Please continue to support your child with their word boxes and reading regularly this has a huge impact on the speed at which they are able to progress. Your child's welfare and happiness are of utmost importance to all of us in Year 1, so if you have any concerns or worries please come and speak to me as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you all at both the phonics evening and parent's evening later in the term. As always it is really helpful if the children's clothes are named so we can return them quickly to their rightful owners.			
Mrs Dougherty			