

Class 1

The Bliss Charity School



Term 5



Dear parents/carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. This term the children will have lots of opportunities to explore our new topic 'The Tiny Seed' both inside and out. This will include lots of time in our outdoor classroom.

Miss Churms and Mrs Duckmanton



Term 5 Topic: *The Tiny Seed*



In this topic, children will be exploring the journey of a seed, what it may grow into, and how it can be a food source. Children will be given their own tiny seed to look after and grow, although they won't be told what sort of seed it is! Children will also be searching for seeds inside fruit and planting different seeds.

Literacy: The children will read stories linked to the topic, including 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'The Little Red Hen', 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and 'The Tiny Seed'. They will be writing their own version of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and exploring poetry.

Mathematics: We will be exploring measures this term. This will include measuring plants, comparing mass and beginning to think about how to measure capacity. Children will also start to look at equal groups, multiplication and division.

Science: Children will be looking at how to grow seeds; they will learn about the structure of a plant and different types of plants/trees. The children will relate this to our seasons and weather and what we can/can't grow in England.

Geography: Children will be learning about where in the world our food comes from.

History: Class 1 will be exploring the change in what we eat and what food we can buy in the shops compared to previous generations. Children will also learn about Christopher Columbus and his adventures.

Art: This will focus on the art work in Eric Carle's books. The children will also paint cherry trees. The children will explore the outdoors and do observational drawings of flowers and plants.

DT: Class 1 will be making a working 'Jack and the Beanstalk' model using a simple mechanism.

Other subjects ...

Computing: Class 1 will complete a unit of work on coding using *Scratch*, which allows them to write a simple program.

Music: Children will follow the *Charanga* music programme.

RE: Children will be studying Judaism. They will listen to Jewish stories and learn about traditional Jewish customs.

PE: During PE, children will be following *Real PE* to focus on physical skills involving coordination and agility.

Helping your child at home ...

Reading: All children will be given two reading books to take home. One will be a Read Write Inc Book Bag book, linked to the phonics they are learning at school; the other will be a colour-banded book that your child has chosen. Once a week, we will check their reading record and keep a record of how many times each child has read. If they read 5 times in a week they will move up the 'bookworm' (displayed in the classroom). When they reach the top of the bookworm (10 weeks), they will be awarded with a sticker in the back of their reading records during celebration assembly.

Phonics:

Please make sure all completed phonics sheets are in school by Thursday each week.

Maths:

A new set of *MyMaths* homework will be available on-line every Friday. Children are awarded for completing 10 weeks of *MyMaths* homework with certificates in celebration assembly.

Class 1 information ...

Please can you send your child with an empty shoebox and a long cardboard tube (kitchen roll/wrapping paper) to be used for model making? They will need them for the week beginning 2nd May.

Please can your child also bring in a washed tin can, with its label removed. This will be for planting a mystery seed to look after this term. They will need this for 27th April.

If you have any odd seed packets, seedlings, spare compost etc. to add to our class garden, we would be very grateful for anything that you wouldn't mind donating.

P.E. days are still on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure all children have a named PE kit in school for this. It may also be worth checking that P.E. shoes still fit!

Please can we also have wellies in school for 'Welly Wednesday'.