



The Curriculum Chronicle



Year 1

Dear Year 1 families,

Welcome back to the new term and I hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays!

Secret Garden

Our theme this half term is '**Secret Garden**' which is a magical topic that fits in perfectly with Springtime.

We will become plant explorers when we go on our trip to Hillier Gardens. To reinforce our learning from this trip we will also be planting beans in class and keeping a bean diary.

In Outdoor Learning, our Wild Passport lessons will focus on Woodcraft and Nature skills. In small groups, the children will begin to learn the key life-skill of using a saw.

Our English work will link with our theme as we focus on fairy tales featuring plants and woodlands. The children will be developing their Talk4Writing skills by innovating well-known fairy tales. I have really enjoyed watching their writing develop this year and can't wait to see what magic will jump off their pages this half term!

In art we will use the work of Van Gogh as a starting point for still-life painting, learning about brushstrokes and colour mixing.

Finally, our main focus in RE this half term is Easter where we will be looking at the events of the first Easter Sunday and what it means to be a witness for Jesus. We will also be looking at The Hindu faith through stories.



Show and Tell

If your child would like to bring in a 'Show and Tell' please can you ensure that it is linked to our theme of Secret Garden, and our learning above—thank you!

Phonics Screening Test

In June the children will be taking part in the **Phonics Screening Test**. This is a short, simple assessment to make sure that all pupils have learned phonic decoding to an appropriate standard for their age group. You are invited to a meeting for details about this on Thursday 23rd April at 3:00pm in the Year 1 classroom.

Library and PE days

Y1 library will continue to be on a Wednesday. Please return any books if you would like them to be changed. PE will continue to take place each Monday this half term. A big thank you to all parents for washing and returning the PE kits on time each week!

I am looking forward to lots of exciting outdoor learning and fun this half term! Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Morgan

Secret Garden

English: Fairy tales

Maths: Money, Volume and Capacity, Mass.

R.E: Easter and Hinduism

Science: Plants

Art: Artist Study—Van Gogh

Computing : Online Safety and iWrite

Music: Forests

P.E: Real PE—Coordination and agility

PDL: Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing & Keeping Safe

Outdoor Learning: Nature and Woodcraft

Diary dates:

Monday 13th April—Buddy Easter egg hunt

Wednesday 22nd April— Whole School Earth Day

Thursday 23rd April—Phonics meeting 3pm

Monday 4th May- Bank Holiday

Wednesday 6th May—Hillier Gardens trip