



The Year 1 topic this term is. . .

# How Does Your Garden Grow?

Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 1! We hope you've had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to another fun-filled term. Read on to find out all of the fabulous things we'll be doing this term.

Our topic this term is 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' We are learning about plants, lifecycles and the History of some of our local park area. We'll be looking closely at how plants grow from a seed to a tree/plant and learning about how to keep our bodies healthy, the History of Markeaton Park and how to observe and care for the World around us.

In DT, we are considering why it is that we need food and how we know whether food is 'healthy' or 'unhealthy' for us. We'll be learning about eating a balanced diet and tasting then creating our own fruit salads!

In PE we will be focussing on both Functional Fitness, Athletics, Games and Multisports. In addition to learning about how to keep our bodies healthy, we will be starting to think about how to follow the rules of games and work with others (including partners and in a team) in order to achieve a goal. We will also use our PE lessons as an opportunity to start training for Sports Day!

In addition to our ongoing learning around e-safety, as computer users this term we will be learning how to sort and group data and creating pictograms.

In RE we will be focussing on the religion of Judaism; we will be learning about customs, festivals, artefacts and place of worship. We will also be visiting a local mosque to extend learning about Islam from the Spring term.

As historians we will be thinking about changes to our local area over History. Specifically, we will be identifying old and new features of Markeaton Park, focussing on the Mundy family and their significance to local History in Derby. Our trip to Markeaton Park will allow us to use our first hand experience in order to discuss changes to Markeaton Park during the children's lifetime and beyond.

As musicians we are listening to some famous pieces of classical music including Vivaldi's Storm, The Swan by Saint-Saens and Korsakov's Flight of the Bumblebee. We are focussing on listening to the timbre of specific instruments and interpreting the music we listen to in the form of dance and movement. We have also been considering how to use our voices as an instrument.

In PSHE we will be focussing on exploring being a responsible citizen and what this means in the classroom and outside of school. Specifically, we are learning about how we can be responsible to and care for others, ourselves and the environment, recognising how our behaviour can affect others. We will also be learning what to do and where to go when we are worried.

As scientists we will be learning all about how a plant grows! We are going to be considering what a plant needs to thrive from its beginnings as a seed to maintaining a healthy adult plant. We will be learning the different parts of a plant, planting and germinating our own beans and learning the difference between seeds, beans and bulbs.

As geographers we will be thinking about different plants, trees and wildlife that grow outside of the UK, with a focus on tropical rainforests – specifically learning about the Amazon rainforest. We will be learning about the different layers of the rainforest canopy and learning about some indigenous groups who live in the Amazon. We will be contrasting what it is like to live in the Amazon with how we live in a European country.

As artists, we will be exploring how to model different materials with a focus on using clay. We will be focussing on how to manipulate clay, using our fine motor skills to pinch, roll and knead for a specific effect.



We are delighted to share that we will be going on three exciting trips this term! In an extension of our learning in Religious Education, we will be visiting a mosque. We will also be exploring our local History on a trip to Markeaton Park and are very much looking forward to our Summer trip to Conkers! On our trip to Conkers, we will be exploring how local plant life grows and taking part in a very exciting minibeast finding activity with one of the wildlife rangers! As always, children will be heard to read by their Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant regularly. Please write in your child's reading record whenever they read with you as per the Home School Agreement. Please also ensure that children continue to bring a waterproof coat to school as we are often outdoors in all weathers. As the weather becomes brighter and warmer, please ensure that your child brings a sun hat to school and that they are wearing sun cream. Children can bring their own sun cream to be kept in drawers, but this must be topped up by your child at lunchtimes and not shared with any other children. Children should also have a pair of wellies to leave at school so that they can make use of the outdoor areas or engage with outdoor learning. Please ensure that ALL ITEMS of clothing are labelled with your child's name. **In Year 1, we are always in needed of junk modelling items such as cardboard boxes (no bigger than a cereal box), kitchen roll tubes (kitchen roll tubes only) egg boxes, yoghurt pots etc. (all washed and dry please)! We are really short on junk modelling items this year, so please raid your recycling bins if you can!** If you have any questions or concerns about your child please don't hesitate to approach relevant staff in the Year 1 team and we will do our best to help. Many thanks for your continued support, from the Year 1 team!