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## Welcome back to Summer 1!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school everyone and summer term 1. I hope you have enjoyed your Easter break and are looking forward to the new half term.

In class 2 we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and consolidating our learning so far. This half term our topic is Scented Garden. We have lots of exciting things planned and more information will follow. Tiptoe through the tulips as your senses discover the blooming foliage and enchanting fragrances of flowers and herbs. Round and round the mulberry bush we go, planting bulbs and seeds, and then watch them grow beneath sunshine and showers. Explore the astounding world of the scented garden, but be careful, there are some wild and dangerous plants out there that do astonishing things.

Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary. Homework and spelling lists will continue to be given out on a Monday. We expect these back in school for a Friday morning. Reading books will continue in line with our phonics programme. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

We are continuing our daily phonics lessons, please ensure children are at school to start these lessons at 8:45am. You will continue to receive phonics books daily too. Once again please return these to school each day.

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks

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Rebecca Aspinall

# The Scented Garden



Let's tiptoe through the tulips together and discover the sights, sounds and smells of the garden.

This half term, we'll visit a florist's shop or a garden centre. We'll find out how to look after plants, ask the experts questions and appreciate the flowers. We'll write an information book about plants, follow instructions, enjoy the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and write stories of our own. Discovering our green fingers will be fun when we plant and tend a pizza garden of herbs. We'll also learn about the different parts of a plant and create our own 'planting and growing' action rhyme. Our senses will help us describe and sort a range of smells and we'll make beautifully scented products. We'll look closely at a wide variety of plants, create detailed, observational drawings and press real flowers to use in collages.

At the end of our project, we will have become plant experts! We'll create a presentation about plants, share the information books that we have made and design a fantasy garden.

<b>ILP focus</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>English</b>	Recounts, non-chronological reports, instructions, stories, information books
<b>Science</b>	Plants
<b>Art &amp; design</b>	Observational drawing, sculpture, flower-pressing
<b>Computing</b>	Presenting information
<b>D&amp;T</b>	Making fragrant products
<b>Geography</b>	Plants in the local environment, plants of the world
<b>Mathematics</b>	Measurement
<b>Music</b>	Action rhymes

## Help your child prepare for their project

Gardens are so special and are an excellent place to visit together. Why not take close-up photographs of flowers and use a plant identification app or spotting guide to find the name of each plant? You could also buy some wild flower seeds and watch them grow. Alternatively, bake recipes containing fragrant herbs and spices! Cheese and chive scones, cinnamon biscuits and lavender cake are all delicious!