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## Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Summer 1, I hope you all had a lovely Easter!

This half term our topic is The Scented Garden. We'll find out how to look after plants, ask the experts questions and appreciate the flowers. We will be speaking to our gardener and learning how to garden using different tools, as well as continuing to plant different plants and flowers. We will also be having lots of fun, taking part in garden-based activities at Forest School.

Just a reminder of important diary dates:

- Homework and spellings – these will be given out on a Monday. We expect these to be completed and back in school for a Friday morning.
- Reading - We will be continuing to send out reading books that link to the phonics/reading level your child is working at in school and these will be changed on a Friday. It is important that the children are reading at home, as well as twice a week in school. Could you please read with your child at home, once a week, and **record this in their planners**, so that we can fill our reading display and earn some nice treats throughout the year! Could you please also continue to complete any phonics sounds that are being sent home, to prepare your child for the next group.
- PE kits – Please send in a PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it at school throughout the week, we will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days this half term are Tuesday and Friday, however, we often have events in school that require PE kits, so it is important to still ensure children have their kits every day.

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

Many Thanks  
Miss Grimes.

# 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!