



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Year 1. We have had a fantastic start to the term, with the children enthusiastic to learn about our new topic: **Plants**. We are particularly excited to visit the University of Reading (date TBC) Please find overleaf information on our topic, as well as an overview of each subject.

Once again, Year 1 pupils will be having Outdoor PE on Mondays and Indoor PE on Thursdays. Children will change into their PE kit before the lesson and will come home in their PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions and brought back for the next PE lesson. **Indoor** PE is just a school PE top and black shorts. For **Outdoor** PE a black tracksuit is recommended in colder weather and that trainers are worn.

Please ensure all clothing and items brought into school are clearly **named**. This includes; all parts of the school uniform, P.E kit, shoes, trainers, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags.

Reading

Each day your child will bring home their reading folder. This folder must stay in their book bags and be brought to school every day. Please encourage your child to look after the books and respect the folder. If a reading book is damaged or lost you may be asked to pay for a replacement. Included in this folder, there is reading record book. Please keep a daily record of when you have listened to your child read. Record the title, the pages read and any additional comments about their reading that you may wish to write.

Children will have **four** reading books. Two are Read Write Inc. books. One is a Book Bag Book that the adults at school will change every third or fifth school day depending on their colour band. The other Read Write Inc. book is the same as the one they are reading in class; this will be a book that children read to their adult to support their fluency and expression. One of the others is a fiction or non-fiction book that your child will choose from the Library. The Library book is changed every fortnight (on a Wednesday). Finally, the children are given the opportunity every morning to change their free choice book themselves and this will be their responsibility to change.

Topic

Every half term, we will ask the children to create something for that half term's topic. This half term our topic is **Plants**. Please support your child with creating something to bring into school. This may be a picture, a model, research, recount of a visit, photographs or a piece of writing. Where possible, art and models to be no larger than a shoe box. It is up to your child what they create, please let them be imaginative. Please send it into school when completed, (by Friday 20th March), with their name on, so we can share them with the class and put them on display.

Home Learning

In addition to reading with your child daily, we will post RWI videos in the newsletter to consolidate the sounds learnt that week. We also ask you to support them with both their maths home learning and spellings.



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Knighthood scheme

Thank you to all of you who have already supported your child in completing six Knighthood tasks from their Knighthood book, this means they are on track to receive their Paige award at the end of the year. If your child has not already completed the tasks, it is not too late!

Maths Homework. Your child should now have completed their maths book to page 60.

Every Tuesday, a number of pages from the Maths Practice Journal will be set. Please support your child with answering and marking the set questions **without moving beyond these pages**. The allocated pages for each week's homework will be shared in the newsletter and on your child's classroom door.

Homework due date	Pages to complete
24th Feb	61-63
3rd March	64-67
10th March	68-70
17th March	71-74
24th March	75-77

Spellings

Every Tuesday, we will hand out a list of spellings for your child to learn. These spellings are linked to our English work and support them to write with confidence. If you can, please ensure they are frequently practised at home so that your child feels confident when they complete their spelling test the following Tuesday.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Teale

Year 1 Teachers



Year Group –1

Term - Spring 2

English– This term in writing we will be reading 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and also 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will use these stories to help us write a set of instructions about how to grow a beanstalk and a narrative similar to Jack and the Beanstalk.

Maths–in year 1, Following White Rose, we are going to be learning about numbers to 50. We will also explore length and height with both standard and non standard measurement and learn about mass and

Computing – the children will learn about the difference between a e-book and a real book. They will also be able to add animations to their stories.

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Art– We will be making mixed media beanstalks from a variety of resources!

Geography – This term we will be learning all about the UK. This will include exploring the landmarks and traditions of the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom.

Science– the children will be learning about plants. We will learn the names of different plants and trees and learn about the different parts of these plants.

RE - We will be learning about the Easter Story and specifically Palm Sunday thinking about whether Jesus was welcomed as a king or celebrity.

We will also grow our own plants!

Indoor PE– Dance—we will be looking at performing a jungle dance inspired by the movement of different animals.

Outdoor PE– Tennis —We will be looking at different ways of hitting a ball. For example with forehand and backhand.

Music — In music we will be able to use handbells to find, keep and play a steady beat.

Connect – This term we will be looking at how to connect with others. We will do this by thinking about how to be a good friend.

Curriculum Enrichment

Plants—exploring the plants around us.

Trip: University of Reading Gardens (Date TBC)

Topic Projects

Our topic is Plants. Please support your child with creating something. This may be a picture, a model or a piece of writing. Where possible, art and models to be no larger than a shoe box. It is up to your child what they create. **Project due date: Friday 20th March 2026**

Websites Worth Visiting

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/read-write-inc-programmes/phonics/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> (Maths Games)