

Dear Parents,

17th April, 2023

We are delighted to be welcoming back all of the children this week for the summer term and hope that you all had a lovely Easter break. We will be starting a new topic called ***In the garden***. Please discuss all the plants you may have in your garden or those you see on a walk. Also, please discuss what may be living in our gardens; insects, birds and mammals.

The book this week is *Eddie's Garden* and we will be spending time planning and planting our raised beds at school. As well as planting, this book also introduces the theme of mini-beasts so we will be finding out lots of facts about insects this week. We will be planting sunflower seeds and will see who can grow the tallest sunflower. We will use sunflowers as our inspiration for our art work this week too. The children will also learn about the many uses of some plants.

In literacy, we will recap all of the phonics work and assess where children are before moving forward. The children will also be writing lists and labels.

In maths we will use seeds to count and match to numerals and plan our planting by ordering seeds in rows. We will be exploring halving and doubling too.

If you have any seeds / seedlings / flower pots etc you would like to donate to our class garden that would be wonderful.

Andy from Odd Socks is visiting the school today which I am sure will be so exciting. On Friday, Group 1 will be going to Forest School.

Thank you for all your support.

The Acorn Team