



**PEAR CLASS
MRS BOSWELL
& MRS AVIS**

Green Fingers!

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break and are ready to start the new term feeling fully refreshed.

Our topic this term is '**Green Fingers**' and we will be using the story of Jack and the Beanstalk to base our English lessons on. The children are currently writing what they already know about the story, before we investigate the story and characters more deeply using story maps and character descriptions.

In Science we will be exploring plants in more detail, particularly wild plants, also known as weeds! We have been on a wild plant hunt on the school field and were surprised to see so many different types!

As you may know, the children in year one will take part in a phonics screening check during May. To help your child we have been showing them lots of random words, some real and some made up. The children firstly need to identify any special friends in the words, and then identify the whole word. Any additional practice at home will be extremely beneficial.

If you would like more details on how phonics is taught, or have any other questions, our door is always open so please pop in after school!

Mrs Boswell and Mrs Avis

Routines

Physical Education

Monday afternoons will be an outdoor session. Please ensure you send your child with a complete, **named** P.E. kit to include warm clothes.

Guided Reading

You will have noticed your child bringing home phonics based reading books on a different day to their normal book changing day. This is because the children take part in a carousel guided reading session everyday. By the time the children bring their book home, they have read it at least three times in school. We feel knowing the story and ways to express it will give the children much more confidence to show off their reading skills to you.

Grab a grown up

Grab a grown up sessions will start again this term. The dates are: Thursdays 7th and 21st March, and 4th April.

We are aiming to show you a typical guided reading lesson during one session and a typical phonics lesson on another to help you understand how your children learn these skills in school

General Reminders

As the weather is beginning to get warmer (fingers crossed!) we will be providing a large tub for the children to place their jumpers and cardigans in when they get too hot. Please ensure your child's name is clearly identifiable so we can get them back to them with ease at the end of each day.

**This term's
Christian value is:**

Forgiveness

Dates for your diary

7th March - World Book Day. Come dressed up as your favourite 'Fairytale' character.

15th March - Red Nose Day.

18th and 20th March -Parents evening

5th April - End of Term