Year Two – Learning Letter Term 5

A general note:
A big thank you for all your support in Term 4 and we hope you all have a lovely Easter break.
This term our focus will be 'Green Fingers' and the focus of the learning will be about Charles Darwin and plants.
PE will be on a Tuesday, so please ensure your child's kit is in school.
Please can we ask that **all** clothing has their name in it as we have a large collection of school uniform that is unnamed.
We would like to welcome more volunteers in for reading. Please speak to the office if you are able to spare some time in the week. If you haven't yet done the volunteer training, look out on the newsletter for upcoming training dates.
Over the Easter break, please collect any old magazines that can be used for our Art this term.

Class Teachers: Mrs Aucock (Foxes) Miss Rickard (Rabbits)
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Johnson,
PPA cover: Mrs Pullinger, Mrs Hassett

English:
Our core texts include a non-fiction book on plants to extend our confidence in writing and using more adventurous words. We will also be looking at poetry and use the text "In My Heart: A Book of Feelings" to develop skills in expressing our thoughts and feelings in a beautiful way.
Reading – As always, it is crucial that all the children are reading as much as possible. This will have a significant impact on all the areas of their learning.

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Maths:
Next term, we will be learning how to recognise and find fractions before moving on to telling the time.
Please help your child with telling the time (particularly on an analogue clock) and their understanding the terms quarter past, half past and quarter to. If ready, they could also use their knowledge of 5s to tell the time in five-minute intervals.

Science:
We will be applying our skills and extending our knowledge of living things and what they need to be successful in their environments.
We will be carrying out our own investigations about plants and draw conclusions about what they need to grow.

PE:
PE will be outdoors if dry, and will be OAA. This stands for Outdoor Adventurous Activities. The children will work together to develop team building skills in a variety of games and problem solving activities.

Extra-Curricular Activities (including trips):

A visit to Wakehurst Place is on Thursday 23rd April

Sports Day – Friday 22nd May

Buddy Event- Date TBC

History:
This term our history thread is significant individuals, and we will be focussing on Charles Darwin and how he has influenced our knowledge of plants.

Art:
We will be exploring how we can use collage to express our thoughts and ideas. Taking inspiration from artists like Georgia O'Keefe and Mary Delany.

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We will be finding answers to the question 'What is the good news

Computing:

Children will work on their understanding of algorithms and then create their own algorithms to move a floor robot, before moving on to programming on a computer.

Home Learning:
Please listen to your child read as often as you can at home. We expect the children to read **at least four** times in a week and for this to be recorded in their reading record.

Children do have a Times tables Rockstars login and can be using this to practice 2s, 5s and 10s times tables.

Communication:
Staff are on the door to take daily messages. If you have any concerns or questions please come and have a chat or email us to arrange an appointment for a longer time.
Monday is our staff training day, but you could catch us after school on the other days.
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