



YEAR ONE TOPIC NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2024

Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots

(6 weeks)



This topic is largely based around science and art. We will learn to describe the different parts of a plant, such as its roots, stem, leaves and flowers and explain their functions. In art, we will use pastels to imitate the famous 'Sunflowers' picture by Van Gogh. In addition, the children will take part in a sunflower growing competition. Each child will plant their own sunflower seed and throughout the topic they will need to make sure that it is getting the right things to allow it to grow. At the end of the topic, the tallest sunflower will be the winner! The focus text in literacy is the wonderful story 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'.

At the end of our topic, you are invited to our 'Fab Finish', which will be a plant sale. This is where you will be able to purchase your child's sunflower, cress pot and artwork, all for a small donation (to be confirmed nearer the time). Any money raised from the plant sale, will be reinvested in Year 1 and the children will help to decide what they wish to spend their money on. The plant sale will take place on **Thursday 23rd May**. If you cannot make our plant sale but would like to buy your child's items, you can send the money into school on the day with your child and we will send the items home with them.

Home Learning Activity

There are many activities that you could do to support our topic at home. Below are a few ideas to get you started:

- Using some of the ideas and characters from your favourite stories about animals, you could write your own adventure story. You do not have to write the whole story all at once. You may like to take each part of the story a day at a time. You can either write the story on paper or type it on the computer. When you have finished your story, you could also illustrate it and make it a front cover.
- You could try some planting of your own at home and write instructions about what you have planted. You could take photos of what you have planted and tell us all about it.

We always love to see what you have been doing at home and each child will receive a certificate for any home learning completed. Please can you send in your child's home learning by **Friday 17th May** at the latest.

PE – Indoor and Outdoor

In dance, we will use music to help the children create expressive dance routines. In outdoor PE, we follow a scheme called 'Get Set 4 PE' which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements and it focuses on the development of agility, balance and coordination and cooperative learning.

Penguins: Indoor PE – Monday Outdoor PE – Thursday

Dolphins: Indoor PE – Thursday Outdoor PE – Wednesday

Turtles: Indoor PE – Wednesday Outdoor PE – Thursday



Your child's PE bag will be sent home at the end of each term for a wash. Please ensure that a full kit is provided, including shorts for gymnastics and dance and long tracksuit bottoms for when the children complete games outside. Any earrings must be removed on PE/outdoor games days and long hair must always be tied back. **Please make sure that all PE kit is named.**

PSHE and Religion and Worldviews

This term, our PSHE work will focus on 'Relationships'. The children will learn about understanding friendships and other relationships, including with their family. They will also consider how to resolve conflicts and develop their communication skills. We will continue linking the lessons to our school values of trust, excellence, aspiration, collaboration and honesty, alongside the rights and responsibilities of the class charter. Religion and Worldviews will also be taught weekly and in RWV this half term, the children will be learning about Judaism.

Focus Author

This term, we will focus on the author Atinuke, who is the writer of the stories about Anna Hibiscus and Tola.



Calendar Dates

Tuesday 16th April - Year One Phonics Check Parent Meeting and at Canford Health Infant School at 6pm

Monday 22nd April – Upton Country Park trip (Penguins)

Tuesday 23rd April – Year One Phonics Check Parent Meeting at Ad Astra Infant School at 2:15pm

Tuesday 23rd April – Upton Country Park trip (Dolphins)

Wednesday 24th April – Upton Country Park trip (Turtles)

Thursday 25th April – FOAA Movie Night

Friday 26th April – Non-uniform day for Epilepsy Action

Friday 3rd May – Parent volunteer meeting for new volunteers

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 17th May – FOAA Quiz Night

Monday 20th May – Year 1 FOAA Disco and beginning of Walk to School Week

Thursday 23rd May – Year 1 Plant Sale

If you have any questions about our learning please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr Watt, Mr Booker, Mrs Chandler and Mrs Adams*