

Squirrel Class

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Our Empower and Engage day introduced the children to our new learning theme of: What's in your Garden?

Throughout this theme, we will be focusing on learning about plants. Finding out about how they grow, how to identify them and the different types of trees.

In English, the children will learn about the features of a set of instructions and will write their own on how to grow cress. We will also be reading the story of Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk and will write our own stories in the style of the text.

In Phonics, many children have now consolidated Phase 5 sounds. This half term, we will continue to learn new alternative spellings for previously learnt sounds.

In Maths, the focus will be multiplication and division. We will be learning how to count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. We will then move onto dividing and learn how to share equally into groups before creating arrays to demonstrate rows and columns.

Reminders:

PE will be on Monday and Thursday this half term. We are very excited to be practicing our athletics skills and learning about sending and receiving in ball games.

On these days please can long hair be tied back and can we kindly ask that earrings are taken out or tape is applied at home for those days. Thank you

Summer Term 1 What's in your Garden?

During Art, the children will be introduced to the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. We will be looking at a variety of different flowers closely and working towards creating our own flower painting in the style of the artist.

RE and PHSE

In RE the children will be learning about why Christians have trust in Jesus.

Managing Changes will be the focus for PHSE – understanding how changes can make us feel and strategies to help us prepare for change.

During Science, the children will be learning about plants and trees.

We will learn about both garden and wild plants and also deciduous and evergreen trees.

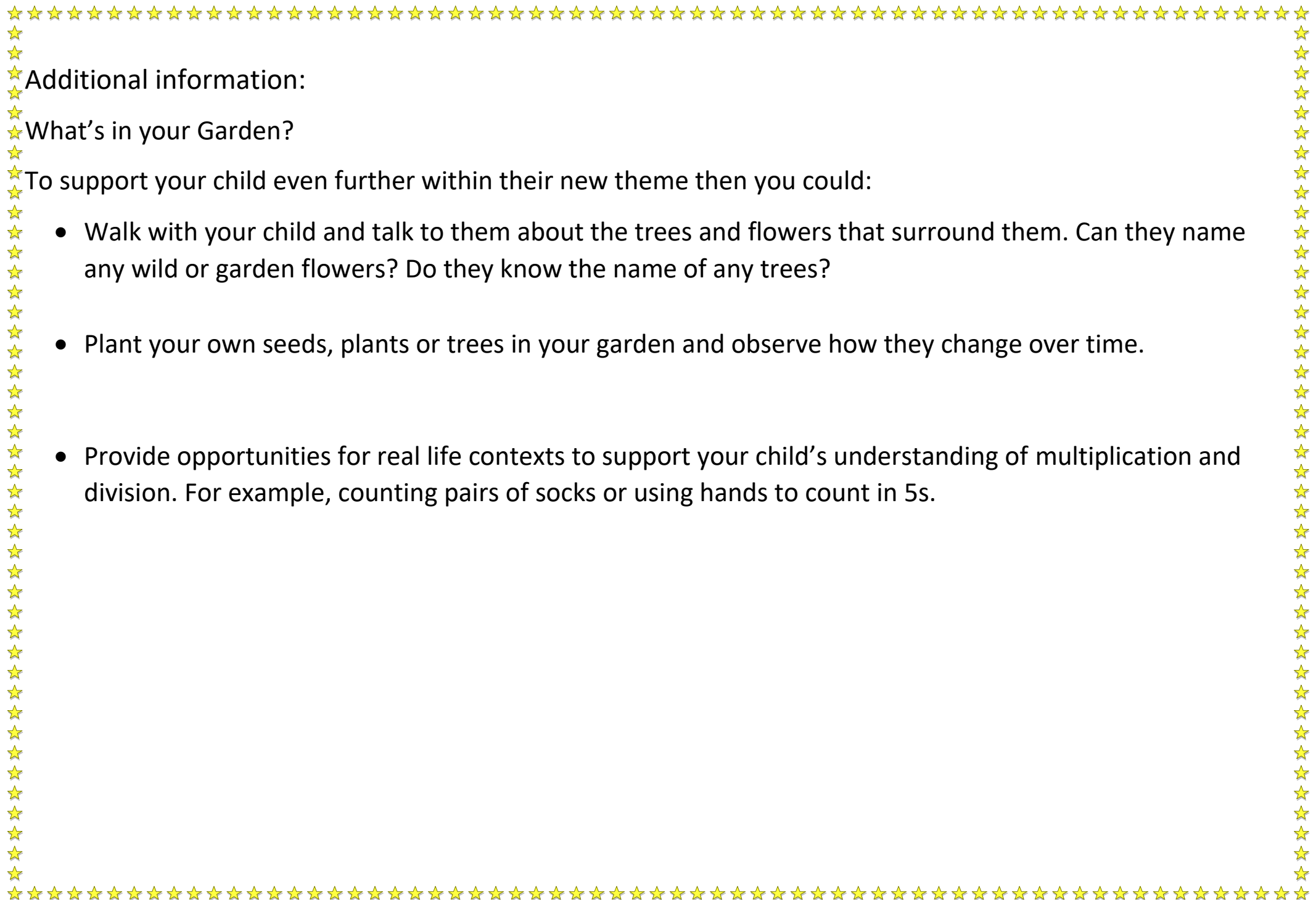
How to support your child at home:

- Please send in the reading book and reading record in every day.
- Reading daily even if it's for 5 minutes it makes such a difference.
- Supporting your child to recall all the sounds they have learnt and apply them to reading words, sentences and stories.
- Providing real life contexts to support their understanding of measurement.
- Spending quality time with your child engaging and talking about their learning.

We welcome back Mrs Poynter from her maternity leave who will be teaching the children Monday to Wednesday each week. Mrs Hawes will now be teaching in Year 1 on Thursdays and Fridays.

Special Dates:

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday
Friday 9th May VE Day Celebrations
Monday 12th May – Phonic Screen talk
Summer 1 Ends: Friday 23rd May



★ Additional information:

★ What's in your Garden?

★ To support your child even further within their new theme then you could:

- ★ • Walk with your child and talk to them about the trees and flowers that surround them. Can they name any wild or garden flowers? Do they know the name of any trees?
- ★ • Plant your own seeds, plants or trees in your garden and observe how they change over time.
- ★ • Provide opportunities for real life contexts to support your child's understanding of multiplication and division. For example, counting pairs of socks or using hands to count in 5s.

