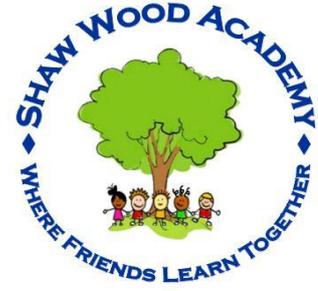




# Year One Newsletter



11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## **What are we learning?**

This half term our topic is 'Sowers and Growers' where we will be planting seeds to help identify the parts of a plant (root, shoots, stem, leaves, flower and petals). We will also be learning to identify a range of common animals and say whether they are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores.

In science we will continue to identify and name a variety of everyday materials. We will sort objects by the material it is made from and decide whether it is a man made, or a natural material.

## **Farm visit**

We will be visiting Whirlow Hall farm in Sheffield on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. This will support our work in Geography where we will be comparing the farm (rural) and our local area (urban) environments. Our visit will also support our science work about where food comes from.

## **Literacy**

This half term the children will be reading stories linked to growing, such as The Enormous Turnip and the Little Red Hen. The children will create their own characters and retell the stories, ensuring that they make sense. The children will continue to use language to make their stories more interesting and use exclamation marks, question marks and full stops correctly.

## **Maths**

This half term the children will be learning about positional and directional language that includes left, right, full turn, half turn, quarter turn and three quarter turn. We will also look at multiplication and division looking closely at the grouping method, addition and subtraction focusing on using number lines and time concentrating on o'clock and half past times.

## **Reading Books**

It is really important that children practise reading every day. Please ensure that if your child has read their reading book at home and is able to read it with fluency, that you return the book to school for it to be changed. Please be aware that all the teachers endeavour to hear the children read and change their books when they are returned to school, however, I'm sure that you are aware it is not always possible to send new books home on the same day.

## **P.E.**

As we are now in the summer term the children will be accessing some of their PE lessons outside. Please ensure your child has trainers and a suitable outdoor PE kit.

## **Transition**

To prepare the children for year two, from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May parents will no longer be invited into school in a morning to support the children with their activity. The children will be encouraged to be more independent in organising their own belongings and complete their morning task.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Horsfield, Mrs Gosden and Mrs Short