

CHOLLERTON FIRST SCHOOL

Y1 Topic Letter



Our topic this term is Growing Things

In **English** we will study the traditional fairy tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.



- We will do report writing on ladybirds, butterflies and seeds.
- We will look at how we find information from an information book.
- We will work on medial vowels, in written work and reinforce blends and endings

In **Maths** we are working on symmetry, pattern making and capacity.

- **Symmetry**: looking at and creating symmetrical patterns. Looking at the axis of symmetry.
- **Capacity**: filling different containers, full, empty, half full, half empty. How many eggcups will fill the pan? Carefully filling and pouring water.

We will introduce litres - please look at bottles to show the children how adults measure liquid.

We will continue to reinforce number order and writing numerals to 100.

We will also revisit ways of making numbers using the processes of addition and subtraction, we will think about word problems in addition and subtraction, developing the skill of finding the relevant information.

We will double and halve numbers.

We will work on fractions: quarters.

We will work on: direction and movement.

In **Understanding the world**.

We are thinking about why we grow plants and why they are so important to us. We will look at the growth of plants and name their parts: roots, stem, leaves and flower. We will think about the conditions that are needed for growth.



We will study the life cycle of a butterfly and observe snails; how they move, and food preferences. We will think about how minibeasts move, grow and the food they prefer.

We will design and make seed packets.

In **R.E.** we will listen to the parable of the mustard seed.

We will also consider what we enjoy about our environment - 'awe and wonder'. We will take a colour each week and think about natural things for that colour.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will study Van Gogh's sunflowers and then create our own - mixing yellows and browns. We will consider background and foreground in pictures.



In **Physical Development** we will be outside as much as possible. Becky will be working on athletics and preparing for sports day.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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