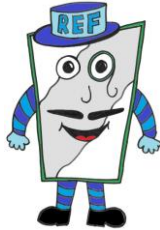


# Year 1 – Powerful Plants

## Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter



### Maths

This half term we are moving on to applying our place value knowledge to even larger numbers—up to 50!

We will think carefully about the tens and ones in larger numbers and how to compare and order them. A big focus for us will be counting in 2s and 5s all the way to 100 (and back again to 0) so any practice you can do of this at home will really help with the children's confidence!

### Phonics

We will continue learning Phase 5 graphemes, which give us alternate spellings for sounds we already know. Keep practising with your flashcards, reading books and on Bug Club!

### English

Our text this half term is Pattan's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundar. In this adaptation of a traditional tale from Kerala in Southern India, Pattan and his wife grow a pumpkin which comes to their rescue when a flood threatens life in their valley. We will be exploring the features of other traditional tales and writing our own version of the story. We will continue to focus on building the children's stamina for writing and accurate use of sentence punctuation. The children will apply their ever-growing phonetic knowledge to their writing as we concentrate on using alternative spellings for sounds.

### Geography

Our Geography will focus on modern-day London— where it is, some of its famous landmarks, its diversity, and why people visit London today.

### PSHE

In this term's topic of Money and Work, we will think about how everyone has different strengths and interests, and how different strengths and interests are needed for different jobs. We will learn about a range of jobs and careers, including some special visitors during the term!

### Music

This term we will be listening to Elizabethan music and making links between instruments then and orchestral instruments today. We will develop our skills at moving in time to the pulse and keeping a steady pulse with untuned percussion.

### PE

Our focus this half term is:  
FUNS7 Counter Balance  
FUNS9 Coordination

### Science

We will start learning about plants including recognising and identifying common flowering plants and trees. We will continue our exploration into the four seasons and the changes that occur in spring.

### DT

In D.T. this term we will be exploring moving parts and learning how to make a slider mechanism. Our finished product will be a 'Magic Slider' greetings card that will include a moving part.

### RE

Focussing on the concept of 'Welcoming' we will be learning about why the concept of welcoming is important in the story of Palm Sunday, and how Christians recreate that welcome today.

### Computing

In computing, we are learning about data and information. We will learn how to put objects into groups and label these groups. We will then begin to demonstrate our new skills by sorting objects into different groups, based on the properties they choose and answer questions about this data.

# Home Learning Information Update

Home learning expectations for this term:



## Bug Club

Log in at least 2 x per week and access the assigned book / games



## Reading

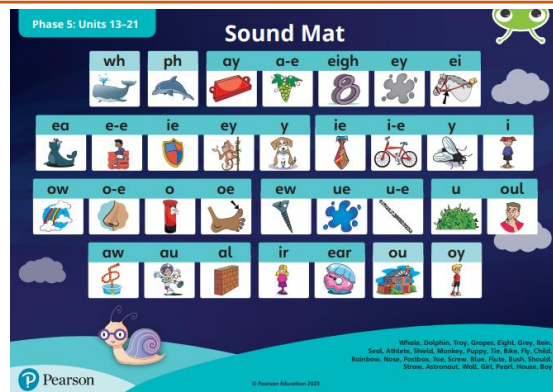
Read school reading book with an adult at least 3 x per week. Short (5-10 minute) sessions are best

## Written Activity

A short activity linked to the learning in class, which will come home on a **Friday** and be due in on the following **Thursday**

**Thank you for your support - it really makes a difference to the children's learning in class!**

These are the sounds we learnt last half term. Children should be able to recognise and say each sound and start to recognise them in words.



This term we will continue to introduce Phase 5 graphemes, which are alternative spellings for sounds the children already know. You can find these on the Phonics booklet, which was sent home last half term..

This term we will be sending home flashcards with the phonics sounds we have been learning in class on them. These will help you practice the sounds and spellings with your children at home.

## Optional Home Learning

### Postcards From London

Imagine you have been to London. Design and write a postcard to a friend or family member telling them all about your trip. What landmarks did you see during your visit?

### Plant Hunt

Go on a plant hunt! Take a walk and see what flowering plants and trees you can spot. How many different kinds can you see? Can you name any of them?

### Online Safety

Can you think of ways to stay safe online? Make a poster explaining your ideas to St Denys pupils.

### How Much Does It Weigh?

Later in the term, we will be weighing and measuring objects. Can you do something at home that involves using measurements? For example, follow a recipe to bake a cake.