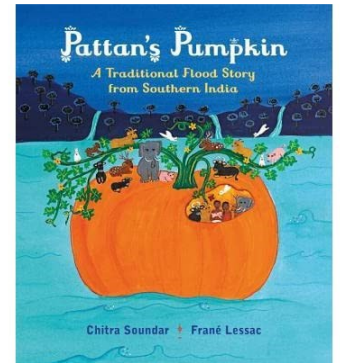


# Year 1 curriculum newsletter

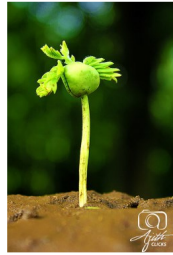
## English

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.



## Science

This half term we will be learning about plants. We will be growing plants, observing them closely and looking at the different parts and what their function is. We will be investigating what a plant needs to grow. We will be continuing to identify and name common British flowering plants and deciduous and evergreen trees.



## Maths

This half term we will be thinking about multiplication and division, talking about equal groups and how multiplication links to addition. We will also be making sure the children can skip count accurately in 2s, 5s and 10s so please practise this really important skill at home as much as you can. Later in the term we will be using all our place value knowledge to explore numbers to 100.

## Music

We will be singing songs from the story of The Enormous Turnip and using our voices expressively to perform. We will also be experimenting with tuned and untuned percussion instruments to create compositions on the theme of growth.

## Computing

Linked to Art, we will be learning how to use a digital painting tool to create our own digital paintings by selecting a variety of tools and colours.



## Art

Inspired by our class book illustrations, we will be exploring how flowers have been represented in art throughout history. We will be finding out about some artists who are well known for using flowers in their art. We will be creating our own clay sculptures of flowers inspired by the work of Marc Quinn.

## Geography

We will have a specific focus on the area our story Pattan's Pumpkin is set. We will name and compare the different physical and human geographical features of Hampshire and Kerala, including with a field trip to the New Forest.

**Phonics** - we are concentrating on applying all our phonic knowledge to reading and writing, recognising phase 5 digraphs and using alternate spellings accurately. Please keep practising with Bug Club and your booklet sounds at home.

## RE

We will be thinking about the concept of community and particularly how we can give to our community, focussing on the importance of generosity in Hindu traditions.

## PSHE

This half term we will be focusing on our Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing. We will be learning about ways in which we can keep ourselves healthy including exercise, taking care of our teeth, sun safety and a balanced diet. We will also be discussing how rules and age restrictions can help us stay safe online.

# Powerful Plants



## Home Learning Update

This term, home learning expectations are as follows:

<b>Bug Club</b> Log in at least 2 x per week and access the assigned book / games	<b>Reading</b> Read school reading book with an adult at least 3 x per week. Short (5-10 minute) and regular sessions are best J	<b>Written activity</b> A short activity linked to learning in class, which will come home on a <b>Friday</b> and be due in the following <b>Thursday</b> . This term we are adding a short Maths / counting activity to the home learning sheet as well.
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*Thank you for your support - it really makes a difference to the children's learning in class*

## Optional Home Learning Suggestions

<b>Science</b>  Grow something! Can you plant a seed and look after your growing plant? What does it need to grow and stay healthy? How will you take care of it?	<b>Geography</b>  Can you draw a map of the United Kingdom? Label each country. Can you add the capital cities of each country in the United Kingdom? What does each flag look like?
<b>PSHE</b>  How can people stay healthy? Make a poster explaining your ideas to St Denys pupils.	<b>Computing</b>  Can you create a piece of art on your computer / tablet? Which different tools will you use? Which colours will you choose to use?

## Plants and Growth



flower



leaves



fruit



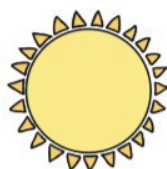
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rain



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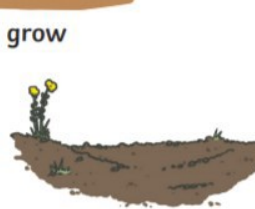
leaf



vegetables



stem



soil



water