

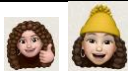
# Year 1 Parent leaflet: Spring



## Food, Glorious Food

Our BIG question:- "How do people, places and living things shape the way we live and play?"

Seedlings Class - Mrs Taylor & Mrs Allen



Saplings Class - Mrs Curtis



### Our learning this half term:

- To continue to follow our White Rose Maths scheme.
- Counting to 50, forwards & backwards. Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Learning about non-standard and standard units of measure to compare different lengths, heights, mass and volume.
- Immersing ourselves in our chosen texts - Oliver's Vegetables, Jasper's Beanstalk, The Little Red Hen and Handa's Surprise.
- Learning about animals; comparing and grouping animals based on similarities and differences in their characteristics, physical features and diet.
- Exploring how toys have changed over time and what toys may look like in the future.
- Using maps to recognise continents, oceans & countries outside the UK. Looking at our locality and what it's like to live in Kenya.
- Designing, making and evaluating sandwiches; writing a simple set of instructions.

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH - VISIT TO COLCHESTER ZOO**  
Further information will be provided via Parent Mail.

**MORE REGULAR UPDATES ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S  
LEARNING JOURNEY, AS WELL AS LINKS TO  
USEFUL WEBSITES, AND SONGS WE LIKE TO SING,  
WILL BE SENT VIA SEESAW.**

### Ongoing learning:

- Individual and guided reading sessions.
- Daily handwriting - to practise correct letter formation.
- Completing our Maths BMBT & CLIC challenges.
- Forming all numbers correctly.
- Writing simple sentences independently. Including finger spaces between words. Using CLs and FS correctly.

### Key Dates or things to remember:

#### **We have PE every Monday.**

Please ensure that your child comes into school every Monday in their PE kit. This includes black shorts, white T shirt, plimsolls or trainers and dark tracksuit trousers. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and earrings are removed or covered.

**Library Books are changed every Friday.**

**Wild Wednesday - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
February and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

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### Useful ways to support learning at home:

**Reading challenge:** Reading for 5 minutes, 5 times a week. Complete your Reading Challenge Slip and return it to school every Friday. House Points, Raffle Tickets and Class Prizes available!

**Maths: OPTIONAL** Weekly Maths Homework Challenges set on Purple Mash.

**Phonics/Spellings: OPTIONAL** Weekly Spelling Challenges set on Purple Mash. Don't forget to keep practising to spell the Year 1 CEWs too - these are in the back of your child's Reading Diary.

**Homework Grids:** If your child would like to carry out any challenges and share these with their teacher, we'd love to see them. Either bring the work into school or upload to their SeeSaw page - we can't wait to see how you get on!