

YEAR 1

Classes: Bumblebee, Ladybird and Laurel

Topic for the Term: Growing

Key Question: What do living things need in order to grow?



We will be growing beans and keeping a diary of their growth. We plan to have some animals visiting us in school.

English

We will be reading 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle, 'Titch' by Pat Hutchins, and 'The Growing Story' by Ruth Krauss.

We will be writing for a variety of purposes, including instructions for planting seeds and growing a plant. We will continue to focus on sentence structure and using phonics to spell.

Maths

We will be learning to use arrays and grouping to count in twos and tens when multiplying. When measuring we will focus on length and height. We will use scales to measure mass, capacity and volume. When adding and subtracting to twenty we will learn to use number lines with increasing accuracy. We will be looking at time on an analogue clock as well as the digital time to twelve. We will solve problems using time, multiplication and measurement and have a growing number sense recognising numbers up to one-hundred and beyond.

Science

We will be learning about the basic structure of common flowering plants, identifying common plants and trees, identifying and describing the features of a variety of common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We learn to classify animals as herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

Geography

We will be identifying and naming the seven continents and locating hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the Poles. We will be studying the weather and recording our findings.

RE

We will be learning about the significance of Palm Sunday in the Easter story.

Art and DT

We will study plants and flowers through a variety of artists such as Andy Warhol, Georgia O'Keeffe and Claude Monet and create pictures using pastels, collage and printing. In DT we will be tasting and comparing fruit and vegetables. We will learn to make a fruit and vegetable smoothie, using the principles of a healthy and varied diet.

Computing

We will be learning to use digital programmes to present data.

PSHE

TEAM – relationships, community and belonging.

PE

Indoor Tennis and Tag Rugby

Homework

At Warren Wood Primary Academy, we believe that homework makes an important contribution to your child's learning. Homework can provide the opportunity to reinforce work completed at school or prepare for work coming up. It gives your child the opportunity to work independently, although you should support your child and take an interest in the work they are completing.

We expect children to read a minimum of three times a week. All children who are reading Bug Club books are allocated a selection of books that can be read via the Bug Club website. These are linked to their phonic phase. Reading online is our preferred method of home reading but if you prefer your child to have a physical book, we change reading books twice a week. Children who are using Accelerated Reader can change books once they have taken a comprehension quiz on Accelerated Reader.

Children can also find books to read on MyON. Class teachers often set a 'reading project' where they will select books for the children, based on Topic learning or the children's interests.

Spellings will be sent home weekly to learn.

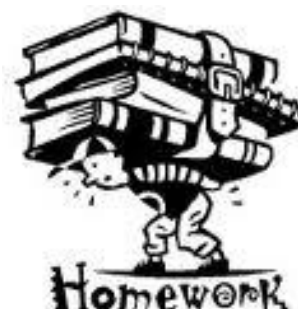
Maths is set weekly on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Children are also encouraged to use Numbots to practise their number bonds.

Homework:

Weekly spellings, sent home on Friday.

Maths: weekly - set on Friday, return by Wednesday, plus Numbots and TTRS practice.

Reading: minimum 3 x times a week. Please look out for suggested reading projects on MyON.



Skills for Life passport activities

The following activities are part of our Skills for Life passport that can be completed at home. Please send evidence of completion to the class email addresses so that the children's passports can be stamped in school.

- I have planted some bulbs and watched them grow.
- I can care for living things (plants and animals)
- I can make a sandwich.

Uniform / PE Kit



We would ask that all children wear appropriate uniform at all times, including house team T-shirts for PE (available to purchase through Parent Pay). If there is a particular reason why your child is not in full uniform, please email the school.

If your child is unable to participate in PE lessons on any given day, please forward us an explanation. The easiest and most convenient way to contact us is through the class email addresses (please see below in the 'contacting the teacher' section).

Appropriate PE kit is important for safety and hygiene reasons, (black shorts, house coloured T shirt, black tracksuit and trainers or plimsolls). We will contact parents if children forget kit

repeatedly. Children will not be permitted to participate in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings: these will need to be removed beforehand. **Bumblebee and Ladybird PE days are every Monday and Tuesday, and Laurel Class on Monday and Wednesday – on these days, children should wear their PE kit into school, rather than bring it in separately.**

Contacting the teacher

Teacher contact should be made using the following email addresses:

Bumblebee Class: wwbumblebee@warrenwood.medway.sch.uk

Ladybird Class: wwladybird@warrenwood.medway.sch.uk

Laurel Class: wwlaurel@warrenwood.medway.sch.uk

You can also contact the office via phone for information. If you need your child's teacher to phone you back, the office will let us know and we will phone you back at the earliest possible opportunity.



Bumblebee Class

Teacher: Mrs Piper

Student Teacher: Miss Compton

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Wells

Ladybird Class

Teacher: Mrs Lawns

Teaching Assistant: Miss Grimson

Laurel Class

Teacher: Miss Simpson

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Porter

