

Year One

Beech and Oak

26th April 2019

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter celebrations and Bank Holiday. We have had fun launching our new topic this week. This term we are learning all about growing and what animals and plants need in order to grow healthily. We have started recording the growth of our broad bean plants too. We also started our binca sewing and have enjoyed thinking of our own designs to work on throughout this half term.

In keeping with our topic, we are visiting Wisley on the 13th of May. This is a wonderful trip which involves exploring the gardens as well as discovering the variety of ways plants can be used. We would really appreciate parent helpers to accompany us throughout the day including on the coach trip there. If you would like to come along then please let us know.

We hope you have a lovely weekend
Claire and Georgie

Phonics practise

We are now in our final term of Year One and while phonics may be a very repetitive task it is so important in developing strong and fluent reading skills. Practise of phase 3, 4, and 5 sounds at home is great for the children's confidence and fluency. There are lots of useful YouTube videos and websites to get fresh ideas from. We find Phonics Play (<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>) a wonderful resource that not only explains the purpose of phonics and each phase but also has several free games your children will enjoy. We continue to appreciate your support by completing the sound of the week book activities each week too, thank you!

Maths:

In maths this week we have been learning about repeated addition. This is an introduction to multiplication. We have been identifying equal and unequal groups and using our skip counting skills and number lines to find the total amount between equal groups. Have a go at completing the sentences below:



There are __ groups of stars.

There are __ stars in each group.

There are __ stars in total.

__ lots of __ is __.

__ + __ + __ = __

Writing

This week, we have started to learn an adaptation of The Enormous Turnip and will continue to work on this next week before writing our own versions. We had fun writing our own stories this week by completing sentence starters. Everyone came up with wonderful ideas and enjoyed sharing their ideas.

