



# Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Y1,

We hope you all had an enjoyable break.

This half term our topic is entitled 'How does your garden grow?' In this topic we will be learning to name a variety of common plants and trees. We will be growing our own plants and keeping a plant diary to monitor how plants grow and what they need in order to grow healthily. We will also be looking at the use of nature in Art, focusing on the work of sculptor Andy Goldsworthy.

To further enrich this topic if you have a particular passion for gardening, growing plants or vegetables and would like to come in to share this with the children please come and speak to us. The children would love to hear from you!

A new grid will be stuck in to your child's Home Learning book for them to complete through this half term. Please also continue to practise the children's cursive letter formation (sheet attached) as well as their phase 5 phonics sounds (sheet attached). The children need to be able to say the sounds, read them in words and use them to spell words.

### Phonics screening

This term we will be continuing to work towards the Phonics Screening Check; a statutory assessment which takes place in all Primary schools starting from Monday 10th June. This is where the children will be tested on their phonic knowledge and how they apply this to read words.

### Sharing Assemblies

You are invited to sharing assemblies where we will be sharing all of our wonderful learning.

Elm 1: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Pine 1: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### **Reminders:**

Please ensure that your child/children have:

- a named water bottle in school every day.
- a full P.E. kit, this should include trainers, a house coloured t-shirt, black or navy shorts, joggers and jumper.

We welcome parents in the classroom. If you would like to help by listening to children read or if you have any other special talents you could share please let us know.

Thank you,

Miss Schumacher, Miss Mukherjee, Mrs Traynor and Mrs Trundle

