



# Highwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 1,

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 including deciduous and evergreen 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. Our learning will be enriched by a visit to Hudnall Park where the children will attend a 'Plant Investigation' day course. 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 you 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.

### **Date for your diary:**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Elm 1** trip to Hudnall Park – **9.00am -3.25pm** we will need parent volunteers. Please speak to your class teacher if you would like to help.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Pine 1** trip to Hudnall Park – **9.00am -3.25pm** we will need parent volunteers. Please speak to your class teacher if you would like to help.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Pine 1 class Assembly **9.10am - 9.30am**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Week of phonics screening.

### **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.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Emma Schumacher and Patience Nleya

