

NORTHSIDE SCHOOL- Y1 HALF TERMLY LETTER

Summer 2nd half

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and we hope you had an enjoyable half term break. Our topic for this half term will be **Parks and Gardens**.



We will be looking at plants in science. The children will learn about and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants and trees. In Geography we will be using our local park to study the human and physical features. The children will be creating their own outdoor environment pictures using collage in Art.

Numeracy: In Numeracy we will continue to work on number skills; counting, ordering and calculating. We will use practical activities and games to support this learning. The children will be counting to 100 and beyond. The children will learn to use objects and pictures to solve multiplication and division word problems and use subtraction to find the 'difference' between two sets of data.

Literacy and Phonics: We will be looking at the poetry of James Carter; listening to it, reciting it and making up our own poems. We will also be basing our non-fiction work around the science topic of plants. They will continue following the 'Letters and Sounds' phonics scheme which will consolidate prior learning of letter sounds, spelling and handwriting. Please help your child learn their weekly spellings. All books should be in school on Monday for the test.

Please continue to make the time to read with your child and encourage them to discuss the text and make a note of any reading in your child's reading record. Your child should also complete their weekly activity in their yellow "sound" book; it will reinforce the phonics work done in school and help with their learning.

Music, Drama/Dance, and P.E: This will continue on Tuesday afternoons; please make sure that your child has **named** P.E kit in school. Please make sure that all school uniform (including jumper) is clearly **named** and book bags should be in school everyday. Please encourage your child to bring a bottle of water to school every day especially as the weather is now warmer.

Things you can do to help:

- Go on a plant hunt in your local park. What different plants can you spot? Take some photos or draw some pictures.
- Practise writing numbers in numerals and words from 1-20
- Visit the non-fiction area of your local library. Find a book on a topic you find interesting. Practise using a contents page and index to help you find information.

If you have any queries about your child's work please let me know.

Thank you for all your support.
Mrs Laura Ng