

Dear Parents and **Diamond** children,
This term we will be exploring
"Glorious Gardens".

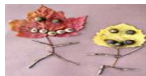


Welcome back to the new term. What a super start the children have made! It was lovely to see them arrive on the first day of term all full of smiles. Children said they had missed both their friends and their teachers, that's because Diamond class is such a special team! Thank you for joining us for "Roots to Food", I hope you enjoyed it. We are enjoying the sunny days and the opportunity to use our wonderful outdoor spaces. Plenty of opportunity to work hard and play hard! Please apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school. There are many all day suncreams, but if you need us to reapply at lunch time on hot days this can be arranged. If so, please send in named sunscreen to be left at school.

In **Physical Development**, as athletes we will: explore using equipment such as beanbags, balls and bats of different sizes. We will also have a day where we can bring in our bikes or scooters from home to enjoy using them on the playground. Helmets essential. Date to follow. (Balance bikes in school if this is not possible).

PE days Wednesday and Thursday.

In **Expressive Art and Design**, we will: use the garden as both a canvas and a source of materials to create art. This will include using nature paintbrushes, flower pounding and transient art using stones, petals and twigs.



Enjoy our role play "Olivers Vegetables" shop and our garden centre.

We have **MUSIC** with Mr Roberts, alternate weeks on a **Friday morning!**

As **mathematicians** we will:

- * continue to develop subitising skills for numbers within and beyond 5, connect quantities to numerals
 - * begin to identify missing parts for numbers within 5
 - * explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' and connect this to finger patterns
 - * focus on equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers
 - * understand that two equal groups can be called a 'double' and connect this to finger patterns
 - * sort odd and even numbers according to their 'shape'
 - * join in with verbal counts beyond 20, hearing the repeated pattern within the counting numbers
 - * time- days of the week and months of the year
- A resource to support learning at home is [Numberblocks at home | NCETM](#)
You can also enjoy Mathletics and Numbots



Winchelsea Primary School

'All individuals matter'



PARENT INVITES
Thursday May 21st
9.15a.m

Glorious Gardening

Join us for some planting fun and creative gardening.

In **Understanding the World**, as scientists and explorers we will:

dig in the soil, explore the life cycles of plants and the tiny creatures that inhabit our gardens. This will inspire a sense of care for the environment and introduces children to the changing seasons and the origins of their food.



We have **FOREST SCHOOL** with Danny, alternate weeks on a **Friday morning!**

In **Phonics** we will:

- * secure recognition of single letter sounds and special friends
- * introduce new sounds
- * identify special friends in words
- * read "red" words
- * read nonsense alien words
- * focus on formation phrases and starting our letters in the correct place.

Blending books, Ditties or Red book folders should be in school every day 😊

As **readers** we will:

Continue to enjoy our story packs, allowing children the opportunity to explore their own choices and love of reading. We will be modelling telling stories with props, actions and asking children to join in with phrases or repeated refrains.

Story packs will be changed on a MONDAY.

We will enjoy reading..



Thank you for all continued home support.

As **authors** we will:

Focus on the formation of our letters and using a consistent size. Revisiting the formation phrases and ensuring we start our letters in the correct place as this will help our writing in the future.



Continue to enjoy dough disco and fine motor activities to strengthen our fingers and help to develop a good writing style.