

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the brighter and sunnier Summer term. I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and enjoyed spending time with your families.

#### Reminders:

- **PE:** Our PE day this term is **Tuesday** (Coach Johnny).
- Please wear your PE kit on Tuesday. The correct kit is a navy T-Shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE, or black plimsolls for indoor lessons.
- **Homework:** numbots (10 mins a week), spelling shed.
- Please make sure your child reads for at least **10 minutes per day** and records something in their yellow Reading Record.
- Guided reading books will be changed on a Friday. Please **re-read your books** on the days that books are not changed. This is very important.

#### Important dates: (additional events will be added- look out for dates)

- 25<sup>th</sup> April – Walk around Archway (afternoon)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May- Synagogue trip (morning)
- 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- Week of the 26<sup>th</sup> May – Half term
- 6<sup>th</sup> June- Mudchute Farm Trip
- Week of the 9<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics Screening Check
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Highgate Woods Trip
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

#### Additional optional homework ideas:

- Maths – can you practise your measuring?
- Writing – can you write your own story?
- R.E – can you retell some stories from the bible?
- Computing – can you practise coding on busy things?
- Science – can you plant your own plant at home?

If you would like to meet me to discuss anything, please feel free to make an appointment for after school.

**Miss Oonagh and Miss Noel**

## St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School

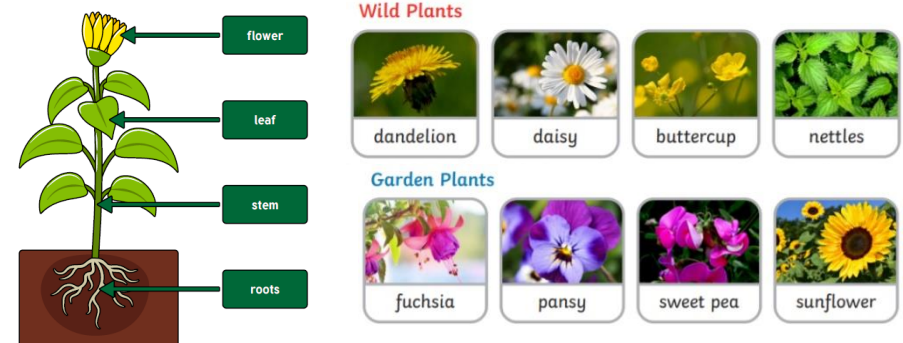
'Love each other as I have loved you' – John 15:12



### Year 1

### Summer term curriculum letter

Our science topic this term is Plants, with the big question  
**'What are the parts of a plant and what do they do to help it live?'**



Our humanities topic this term is about the significance of our local area. Our big question is **Where can I go from Archway?**



### **Humanities**

We will be focusing on our local area of Archway. We will explore the area and draw maps of it. We will continue to learn the 4 countries of the UK and also to locate London on a map. We will also know the names of the seven continents and 5 oceans and will name and identify the countries and capital cities of the UK.

### **Art and DT**

Our art unit for the term is looking at famous artists. We will begin by looking at Van Gogh and using his work as inspiration for our own painting and drawing. We will then compare Van Gogh with L S Lowry, noting similarities and differences. We will then use the Lowry's work to inspire our own industrial painting and drawing.

### **Music**

Our music unit for this term is 'Your Imagination' and we will learn, sing and play instruments to a range of songs with this as the inspiration, including Your Imagination by Joanna Mangona, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from Mary Poppins and A Whole New World from Aladdin.

### **PSHE**

My Money is our topic and we will learn where money comes from, including different jobs and will think about making choices when spending and saving money.

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### **Literacy**

This term we will be reading the books 'The Secret Sky Garden' and 'The Snail and the Whale'. We will be writing character and setting descriptions, letters, diaries and stories. We will also write instructions for growing a plant to link with our science learning. Our phonics learning will continue daily following the Little Wandle scheme.

### **RE**

In this unit we will answer the questions: What does it mean to be Muslim? We will learn about Islam and the Qur'an and why it is special to Muslims, and how and why Muslims pray. Our final unit will be 'Why did Jesus tell stories?' We will know the core concept of Gospel and good news and learn some parables including the prodigal son and the lost sheep. We will discuss why it is important for believers to listen to God.

### **PE**

This term we will develop skills in bouncing, dribbling and kicking. We will show control and accuracy with those basic actions. We will also look at the effects of exercise on our bodies. We will also prepare for sports day.

### **Science**

In Science this term we will learn all about plants. We will start by describing and comparing plants, seeds and bulbs. We will then learn the names and compare the parts of plants and trees. We will learn the names and how to identify some common garden and wild plants and will find these in our local area. We will plant seeds, watch them grow and keep our own seed diary to record their growth.

### **Maths**

In maths this term we will start our Multiplication and Division unit. We will start by making equal groups and knowing the difference between equal and unequal. We will then look at doubles and sharing into equal groups. We will also look at Fractions and learn about half and a quarter. After the half term break we will cover money and time, know the names of the coins and finding the total of a set of coins. We learn about o'clock and half past.

### **Computing**

This term in computing we will start our coding units. We begin by learning about algorithms and giving specific instructions to floor robots. We will then learn block code using 'BusyThings' and will 'debug'. Games in the computing section of BusyThings will be helpful for the children.