



Finches Class Newsletter

Our topic is

The Secret Garden



Help your child at home this term by:

1. Use the Internet to support your child's learning:
 - Visit the BBC Bitesize for Key Stage 1 website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82> and having a go at some of the fun activities there for Science (the activities about plants and animals are particularly relevant to what we are learning in school at the moment).
 - Visit the fantastic Topmarks website and learn about Spring - www.topmarks.co.uk/Spring/WhatIsSpring.aspx
2. There are plenty of practical activities you can do together which don't involve the internet such as going for a walk and looking for signs of Spring or planting some seeds and observing the changes as they grow.

Spring Term 2 – March–April 2021

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English

We shall be continuing with Letters and Sounds work and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). The Phonics Play website is still offering free subscriptions to everyone and is a fun way to support your child's learning at home.

For the rest of this term we are going to concentrate on reading comprehension and building our vocabulary, handwriting, spelling key words and sentence construction.

Computing

We will be learning about e-safety
- keeping it private. We will be
creating pictures - William Morris
(links to Art).

Science

Growing Things

As scientists we will:

- Record the growth of a bean and look at how it develops.
- Try to recreate plants with craft materials and label the parts of the plant.
- Grow cress seeds, looking closely at what they need for germination and comparing what happens to green plants when they are grown in the dark with when they grow in sunlight.
- Look really closely at little cress plants and draw what we see. Then pop them into egg sandwiches for an egg and cress snack!



PSHE

Together we will be answering the question - What helps us grow and stay healthy?

Music

Easter and Spring
themed songs.

PE

We will be concentrating on multi-
skills and target games.

Mathematics

Year 1

We will be recapping addition and subtraction (within 20) and place value (within 50). We will also be learning about measurement - length and height.

Year 2

We will be recapping multiplication and division. We will also be learning about measurement - length and height.

Art/DT

We will do:

- **An Artist study - William Morris**
- **Pattern and Printing**
Repeating patterns, natural patterns, experiment with printing.
Learning Skills:
 - Finger print, sponge print, block print to form patterns, experiment with amounts of paint applied and develop control.
 - Develop controlled printing against outline /within cut out shapes.



Special Events

St. David's Day, Monday 1st March
World Book Day, Thursday 4th March
Mothering Sunday, Sunday 14th March
St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday 17th March
Red Nose Day, Friday 19th March

Geography

We are Britain

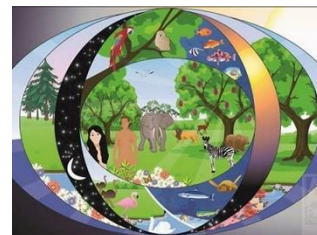
We shall be learning about our four nations.



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Christianity:

Creation
Easter



Hinduism:

Festivals and
Celebrations
-Holi
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