

Topic learning:

This half term we will be learning about spring and growing. We will be learning about how we know spring is here and the life cycles of different plants and how they grow. We will be labelling the different parts of plants and flowers, writing instructions on how to grow our own seeds and sequencing pictures from stories. We have our own greenhouse and will be tryin

We are going to learn about healthy eating choices. We will plant some cress and use our cress to make sandwiches.

Reading:

Please continue to read with your child at least 4 times a week and sign their reading diaries – please bring their books to school **everyday** so we can be flexible and read with your chid any day of the week. Your child will read twice a week at school, once with the class teacher and once with the class learning support assistant.

P.E:

PE lessons will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. The children come to school dressed in PE kit, consisting of a **red PE t-shirt, black jogging bottoms or leggings and a black hoodie or jumper**, please do not send children to school in tracksuits or other clothing that is not uniform.

Communication: The door is always open and we encourage you to share any questions or concerns. You are welcome to pass on messages at drop off and pick up time. If you unable to speak to us then please email the school office at admin@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk for the attention of Mr Stephens.

Walk and talk board: We will continue to have a walk and talk board just outside the classroom where we share what we have done that day.

Year R

Our topic this half term is:

SPRING TO LIFE!

We will explore the big question,

'How can we show love?'



RE:

In RE this term we will be looking at the Easter Story and why this is important to Christians. Our RE question is 'Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?' We will look at Easter gardens and make our own.



Maths:

This term we will be delving even deeper into numbers up to 10. We will continue to use the BBCs 'Numberblocks' as we look at numbers in more depth. We will also be introducing the idea of odd and even and will be starting to look at combining two groups to find how many all together. We will be comparing length and height and begin to explore our understanding of time, using words like: now, before, later, soon, after, then and next and the days of the week. As we come to the end of the half term we will be introducing children to 3D shapes.

Phonics: Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS)

Throughout this term we will be teaching the children the ELS sounds and picture clues. The children will all take part in short, fun, interactive phonic sessions to continue developing their skills.



Reminders:

Uniform: Please ensure all uniform is labelled clearly as the children have very similar clothing so it can be easy to get things mixed up – this is especially important now the children will be changing at school.

Water bottles: Please provide your child with a bottle, filled with water only. You can personalise them to make them more recognisable.

Cloakroom: Please can parents try not to come into the YR cloakroom as it is a very small space and it means other children have to wait outside until there is room. We will encourage children to take their own coats off and hang them on their pegs, but will of course help them if they need it.

Toys from home: Please don't let children bring toys in from home as they can get lost or damaged which can be very upsetting and can also cause the children to become distracted. We have plenty of toys and resources in school for the children to play with.