

## Things that you can do to help your child with their maths:

We will be learning to make equal groups, count in 2s, 5s, and 10s, doubling and sharing.

- Use objects to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s.  
There are lots of opportunities to do this using things around your home! You could use pairs of shoes or socks to practise counting in twos, gloves to count in fives, and ice cube trays to practise counting in tens.
- Ask your child to practise sharing e.g. 8 objects into 2 equal groups. Using objects such as your child's toys, items of food, or buttons. Can they share the objects equally between the two of you?
- Place some items in front of a mirror e.g. 4 cars. Ask your child to look at the objects in the mirror at the total and say 'Double 4 is ...'
- Continue practising your number bonds to 20.
- Continue practising addition and subtraction sums within 20. Are you counting forwards or backwards?
- Practise completing missing number sums e.g.  
 $5 + \underline{\quad} = 15$ .



This half term our topic is

## All about growing



During this half term, the children are learning about plants and trees. They will learn about the names of different plants and trees, how they grow and what they need to survive.

Your child will continue to learn about how trees change through the seasons in the UK.

### Things that you might like to do at home to support your child's topic learning:

- Plant a flower or a seed and look after it.
- Visit Queens Park and see what kind of trees you can find there. Record your findings.
- Create an observational drawing of a tree or a flower.
- Research different types of plants and what they need to survive.
- Create a collage of a tree.



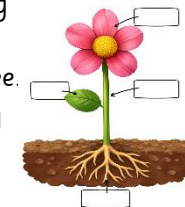
## We love reading!

In Year 1, we will continue to build our love of reading and read books from the authors we have been introduced to over the year. Please keep reading your Read, Write, Inc book at home. Your child should read this to you. We will also be reading fiction and non-fiction books about plants and trees during our reading for pleasure time and reading lessons.

The KS1 library is also open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3.15pm - 3.30pm.

### Things that you can do to help your child with their writing:

- Remind your child how to form the letters correctly and where to position them on the line. For example, the letter g hangs down below the line.
- Encourage your child to use finger spaces in between words.
- Continue to develop your child's fine motor control through activities such as threading, cutting and using playdough.
- Draw and label the parts of a plant or a tree.
- Encourage your child to write on lines using a tripod grasp.



Your child has been taught to spell words by sounding them out using their 'Fred fingers'. However, the words below contain tricky sounds that make them difficult to sound out. We call these red words. Please continue to help your child spell the following red words:

once, friend, school, house, our, were,  
today

If you have any queries or questions regarding how to support your child with their learning please send an email to [year1@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:year1@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk) Thank you for your cooperation.