

Riverside Primary School

# Curriculum Newsletter for Families: Summer Term 1 - 2026

Year Two

This half term our theme is...



## Plants



Welcome to the first half term of the Summer term. We hope the children have had an exciting and restful Easter! Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to continuing working together this term.

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home.

### What are we learning during this theme?



Our topic this half term is 'Plants'. Throughout our topic we will be learning about different types of plants and how they grow. We will also learn about what plants need to grow and stay healthy.

During our Computing lessons, we will be programming an algorithm, using ScratchJr. In PSHE, we will be learning about our physical and mental health and wellbeing. Geography will focus on the seas and coasts and comparing our beaches to others around the world.



In PE this half term, we will be focusing on athletics and striking and fielding. These lessons will continue to be on a Thursday.

### Trips, Visitors and Experiences

This half term we will be going on our trip to the Chelmsford Museum following our learning about communication last half term.

### How can you support your child at home?

Every week, please make sure you read together at least 5 times a week. There will be Spellings to learn as well as Maths and Reading Comprehension activities to complete in their CGP homework book on alternate weeks. Your child also has access to Times Tables Rockstars which they can access and use to practise their times tables! We would love for

the children to participate in our regular SumDog competitions, where they will have the chance to earn a certificate.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning:

<u>Things to do:</u>	<u>Books to read:</u>	<u>Things to watch:</u>
<p>Plant some seeds at home.</p> <p>Can your child grow some cress, observe what happens and look at the conditions needed for growth?</p> <p>Have a look at a range of seeds. Can children predict what these seeds will grow into?</p> <p>Discuss the life cycle of plants with your child. Can your child take a seed from a sunflower head and replant the seed to see what happens?</p> <p>Visit a local garden such as RHS Hyde Hall. Perhaps go on a flower hunt and compare the types of flowers that they see?</p>	<p>Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme?</p> <p></p> <p>Lulu loves flowers</p> <p></p> <p>The Extraordinary Gardener</p> <p></p> <p>Eco Girl</p>	<p>BBC have several videos that explain about the past and present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The life cycle of a plant. <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd/articles/z6nx7yc">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd/articles/z6nx7yc</a></li><li>• What does a plant need to grow? <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd/articles/zkp2jsq">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd/articles/zkp2jsq</a></li><li>• How do plants grow? <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks1-plants-how-do-plants-grow/zs4cdnb">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks1-plants-how-do-plants-grow/zs4cdnb</a></li></ul>