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Easter Holiday Topic Homework

Dear Families,

Another term has whizzed by and we are now over half way through the year. We've had a great term learning about Dinosaurs and the children have been really engaged with their learning, which is wonderful to see. They have worked hard and should be proud of themselves.

Our topic after the Easter holiday is called 'Sunshine and Sunflowers – We will explore the local environment and see how it has changed throughout the year. We will do some planting and observe what we are growing. We will learn how to care for plants and animals, identifying some different types. We will take part in outdoor learning activities and find out how to stay safe in the sun.

We have created a Topic Overview to give you a taste of everything we will be covering next term, including how you can help your child at home. This overview is also available on the school website.

In preparation for our topic, we would like both Nursery and Reception children to complete one piece of good quality topic homework which needs to be brought into school on the first day back – Monday 15th April. Each child is encouraged to share and discuss their work with a group of peers before we incorporate it into a topic display.

Topic Homework

- 1) Go outside and see what you can see. Draw and label a picture of the things you see.
- 2) Pick a daisy. Dismantle the daisy by pulling the flower off the stem. Then carefully remove the petals from the flower. Draw a picture of the different parts and label them.
- 3) Sow some cress seeds. Observe the cress as it grows. Draw pictures of the changes that you see happening or take photographs.
- 4) Create a picture/painting/model of some beautiful flowers.
- 5) Go on a minibeast hunt. Have a look under leaves, rocks, and stones. Draw or write about what you find. Remember to treat the animals you find with care.

Please encourage your child to share stories with you every day as this really helps with their language and literacy development. Reception children should also continue to read their reading books. In maths this term, we have been practising our addition and ability to recognise pairs of numbers that make 10; the White Rose 1 Minute Maths app is really good for practicing this.

After the holiday, homework for the Reception children will change slightly. In preparation for Year 1 and to help with the routines that they have in Unicorn class, the children will be bringing homework home in two activity booklets, maths and phonics. The activities they need to complete each week will be posted on Class Dojo. They will have a week to complete the activities and then they will need to be returned for marking ready to be sent out again. This will start on Tuesday 16th April. Please can I remind you that it is an expectation that all children will complete



these tasks as independently as possible. Please do read instructions or explain tasks as appropriate but try to get them to have a go at it independently and then go through it with your child afterwards to explain any misconceptions.

Finally, we are finding that the children are creating more and more pictures/writing/models each day which is lovely to see; it would be useful if the children had their book bags with them everyday so that they are able to easily bring home the majority of their creations.

We hope you have a lovely, restful holiday.

Best wishes

The Pegasus Team

