

## Literacy

Our lessons will focus on structuring sentences and extending children's written vocabulary to include useful adjectives and verbs. We then aim to use our new skills to help us to write an information text about farm animals.

Daily phonics lessons will continue to support our ability to read and write with greater accuracy and fluency.

## Maths

This term's focus is addition and subtraction and we will spend maths lessons investigating a wide variety of representations including bar models, part-whole models, tens frames and number lines. Children will also be engaged in lots of fun, practical sessions exploring this topic further and applying their understanding of concepts, such as odd and even numbers and number bonds.

## Science

This half term, children will learn all about plants. We will be planting seeds and investigating the conditions necessary for healthy plants to grow. Children will also become familiar with and be able to label the main parts of a plant.

# Year 1 Spring 1 Newsletter

## **This Term's Theme - Farming!**

### Art

In Art lessons, we will explore the work of Scottish artist Steven Brown and focus particular attention on his 'McCoo' paintings of Highland cattle. After investigating the skills and techniques that he uses in his work, we will be creating masterpieces of our own in a similar style.

### DT (Design Technology)

In design lessons we will research the fruits that are grown on two distinct continents; the UK and Africa. We will then apply our DT skills to safely design, make (and eat!) and review a fruit salad from each location.

### ICT (computing)

In addition to a focus on basic skills (logging on, selecting programs etc) children will learn how to add text and images to a Word document.

## Geography

We will learn what crops we grow and animals we keep in the UK and also investigate farms in other parts of the world for their similarities and differences. Children will begin to understand the 'farm to fork' concept.

## History

Our history focus for the entire Spring term is on the present day, with a particular emphasis on investigating 'Kings, Queens and leaders'. This half term, we will discuss who the current queen of England is and what is meant by the 'Commonwealth'. We will also explore the queen's great, great grandmother (Queen Victoria) and uncover her interest in chicken and poultry farming!

## PE

Both classes are timetabled to have P.E every **Friday**. It is essential that children are appropriately dressed for their P.E lessons so please ensure that your child has their kit in school at all times.