**‘Seeking Growth Together’**

Our work this half term will focus on the Year of St Luke, which Pope Francis has called us to follow. Furthermore, we will be beginning the season of Lent in March, preparing ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

The Sacramental group will build towards making their First Confessions in March and then look ahead to preparing for their First Holy Communion in May.

**The Arts** In Music this half term, our new topic is **‘Sounds’.** We will use body percussion, instruments and movement as well as creating our own call and responses.In French, we will be looking at **‘The Classroom**, learning about the names for different classroom objects.

**Home Learning Platforms**

We will be using **Microsoft Teams** to upload homework assignments for you to complete.

Homework assignments are set on a Friday and are expected to be uploaded onto Teams by the following Wednesday.

You should also be accessing **Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Shed** on a regular basis. If you have any technical issues with home learning, please ask your class teacher.

**ICT**

In ICT, we will be going to the ICT suite and using **2Type.**

We will be helping the children to improve the accuracy and speed of their typing skills.

**Humanities**

In Geography we will be studying all about International Trade, including finding out about where the food we buy and eat originally comes from and the processes that take place between growing the food and eating it.

**PE**

In **PE**, we will be developing our athletic skills.

We will be practising our throwing and catching skills and learning about how to throw to a partner accurately using an underarm and sling throw.

**Science**

Our topic this half term will be looking at **‘Plants’.**

During this topic we will explore what plants need to grow and will be conducting some of our own investigations including testing to see the impact of taking leaves off a plant. We will be asking questions and recording our results in a clear scientific way.

**Maths**

This half term we will be moving onto **Length and perimeter.** We will be learning about measuring accurately using a ruler as well as measuring on a larger scale. We will be calculating the perimeter of different shapes.

We will then move on to **Fractions.** This will include recognising different fractions like halves, quarters and thirds.

Times tables are crucial to our maths learning too. We will be looking at 3x, 6x, 4x and 8x. Keep practising these at home and use **Times Tables Rockstars** to help with your learning.

We will also be doing lots of arithmetic to help strengthen our mental recall skills.

**English**

During Spring 2nd in English we will be reading the brilliant story ***‘The Adventures of Alfie Onion’*** by Vivian French.

 We will be looking at the vibrant vocabulary in this story and how the character relationships are built up.

 Furthermore, we will be looking at the Shakespeare play **‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’** and preparing some drama and performances of part of this play.

We will be continuing our **RWI spelling** programme daily to help strengthen our spelling skills.