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TERM 2 Spring 2017

During the Autumn term, the children made a wonderful start to their school journey at Bridgewater Primary. We are now excited to continue our learning adventures through our Spring theme, 'Growing Up'. To kick start our new theme during the first half term, we will be focusing on birthday celebrations and how we change as we grow older. The children will compare each other's heights on our class height chart. Later on in the term, we will have a special visit from a baby. It will give the children the opportunity to reflect on what they could do as a baby and what they can do now.

We will continue to observe the changes in the seasons by going for a winter walk. This will act as a stimulus for writing our winter poems and experimenting with the use of different mediums in our winter art work. Following this, we will start to explore the traditional tale of 'The Three Little Pigs'. To support their children's learning, we will investigate the different types of buildings and natural features during a walk around the surrounding area of the school. The children will be encouraged to talk about the different shapes that they can see and the materials that are used.

Throughout the term, we will be learning about the Christian faith and celebrations. This will start during our British Values week, where we will be focusing on special books and buildings in Christianity. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with our twinned class so they can share their understanding of the faith that they have been focusing on. Following this, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. The children will be able to try a range of different foods and learn about how Chinese people celebrate this festival.

After half-term, we will be learning the story of 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and developing our sentence writing skills. The children will have the opportunity to bake pancakes and talk about how they taste. They will then apply their writing skills to create a set of instructions for making pancakes.

Throughout the term, we will be focusing on how plants grow. To enhance the children's learning experiences we will continue with our 'Welly Wednesday' sessions delivered by Mrs Biddle. The children will have the opportunity to plant new seeds and they will be busy tending to the bulbs that they have recently planted.

Wow what a busy term we have planned! If you have any questions concerning the term ahead, then please ask a member of the Early Years team. Also if you would like to come into school, or send in any resources you may have of your own linked to our theme, this would be greatly appreciated. Parental comments are very important to us, therefore may we remind you about our 'Wow at Home' board. If your child achieves something at home that makes you say 'Wow'; please write it on a 'wow voucher' provided on your home visit. (Please remember to include your child's name!) Many thanks to the parents who have already given their voluntary contribution of £5 for cooking. We have planned lots of cooking opportunities to support your child's learning, to support us in doing this, we request a suggested donation of £5.

Key dates for your diary:

Literacy Workshop	26.01.17	3pm
R Kelly class assembly	03.02.17	2.45pm
R Klee class assembly	17.03.17	2.45pm

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