GLOBAL WEEK

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The Great Outdoors

Our Global Week theme this year is based around outdoor learning. There is a plethora of research that lists endless benefits to being outdoors and how our natural environment can support and enhance learning. We have been wanting to promote outdoor learning for some time and whilst we have made great strides in this area, we are going to use Global Week 2019 as the launch to our commitment to make more use of our surroundings to promote learning across the curriculum.

Each class has been assigned a raised bed in the front area of school. Children will be encouraged to take ownership of this by planting and maintaining it over the year. In addition each class will be taking ownership of an area of the school grounds and will be coming up with ideas of how to turn it into an engaging and purposeful learning area. We intend to share these plans with you at school meeting on Friday with a view to turning them into a reality over the year.

Finlay's Garden

Finlay's Garden will be opened and accessible to the children in break and lunchtimes throughout the week and classes are encouraged to use it for lessons as well. Maple and Cherry class will be spending lots of time in there and will be developing ideas on how it be can be used more regularly and in all weathers.

Outdoor Clothing

The weather is not going to deter us from having these valuable experiences so it is essential that children have appropriate wet, windy and dry weather gear in school everyday next week. Coats and wellies are essential please and waterproof trousers or overalls would be ideal.

If you are a gardening enthusiast and would like to volunteer to help with raised beds or Finlay's garden then please contact either myself or individual class teachers. Similarly if you love the outdoors and would like to help in a more general sense then please do come and see me on the playground.

Many thanks, Mrs Johanson. Subject Leader for Geography