Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term. We hope you all had a happy and relaxing Easter holiday. Our topic this term is ‘Blooming Marvellous’ and we will be finding out about the things that plants need to grow well. We will also be finding out about hot and cold climates and how plants and animals are adapted to living and growing there. We will also be continuing our ‘Ancient Greeks’ topic work.

**Maths**

This will include work on times tables, the four functions and basic number skills. All the work for this area will be tailored to the different ability groups within the class. The children will continue to develop their skills with money problems and in data handling and a variety of measures and some work will link to our topic and Science lessons.

The children will also continue to develop their skills in place value and number by using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and they will undertake a variety of word problems in which they will have to determine which operation to use. We will also consider number sequences and patterns and the children will continue to develop their understanding of fractions and decimals.

**English**

We will be continuing our work on Greek myths and we will be looking at adventure stories, plays & dialogues and performance poetry.

We will continue to work on vocabulary extension activities and the children will work on their reading comprehension skills through focused work on a variety of texts and text extracts. Work will also continue on homophones so that the children become more confident about which word to choose when writing their own sentences.

We will work on other spelling and grammar activities in our daily English Blast lessons and this will include further work on using adverbs, speech punctuation (inverted commas) and commas.

**Important Dates**

- **Thursday 20th April** — Bodiam Castle visit.
- **Tuesday 23rd May (am)** — Greek dressing up and food tasting morning (tbc).

**Other Work**

In our **Science** lessons we will learn about plants and the things they need in order to grow and stay healthy. In **Computing**, the class will continue to develop their word processing skills as they work collaboratively to create documents, including presentations in Powerpoint. They will also start to learn about using e-mails and how to do this safely as part of our ongoing work on e-safety. In **Art**, we will be doing some printing and the children will learn some still life drawing techniques and study some of the work by Van Gogh. In **PE** we will work on Rounders skills. In **RE** we will learn about the traditions of Bar/Bat Mitzvah and in **French** the children will begin to learn some food and drink vocabulary and how to express their likes and dislikes.

Mrs Maskell/Miss Travis
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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

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Business Tagline or Motto

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Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it’s a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you’ve received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you’ve created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.