

St Margaret's C of E Green Team Newsletter

Dear Children and families,

The days are getting warmer and longer and Snowdrops are adorning the grass in their beautiful white clusters. Yes, spring is finally here!

The perfect time of year to start planting seeds and bulbs at home. Give it a try!

Planting seeds at home

Reuse plastic yoghurt pots by making holes at the bottom to drain out water. This week, the Year 3's planted peas and African Marigolds in the school garden with Mr Nolan.



Plants to start in February:

Tomatoes, chillies, broad beans, peas, kale, lettuce, marigolds, leeks, spring onions, potatoes.



Broad beans in recycled loo rolls

Top tips from Mr Nolan, our very own St Margaret's gardening expert

Take your time

Be gentle

Put your hands in the beautiful crumbly soil

Give your seeds lots of love and attention and enjoy every moment, knowing that the simple thing you are learning now has the power to heal our planet and make her healthy once again, one plant at a time.

I am here to help every Wednesday if you have any questions and we really want to see pictures of everything you grow. We may even have space in our school garden for one of your plants.

Please email pictures of your seed planting to u.sullivan@st-margarets.manchester.sch.uk.

UN Sustainable Development Goal



Goal 4: acquire knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, global citizenship...and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.

Fairtrade Fortnight

22nd February –7th March



The Fairtrade Foundation is a global movement that supports farmers around the world by guaranteeing them a fair price for the crops they grow.

This in turn means that farmers can afford basic rights such as good housing, healthcare, clean water.

By buying products which have a Fairtrade logo on them, we are supporting sustainable farming and helping look after our planet.

This week, our Year 6 children received a goodie bag of Fairtrade chocolate and cereal from Sheila Tarpey, a Pioneer Co-Op member. They learnt about how important it is to buy Fairtrade chocolate so that the cocoa farmers in West Africa get a fair price for their hard work!

For more information, visit fairtrade.org.uk

Goal 2– Refuse

Refuse to buy things that are sold in **single use plastic**.

This may seem hard initially, but it gets easier once you start looking for alternatives.

Swap idea– Buy loose fruit and veg instead of plastic trays and plastic netting.

