Gardening Activities September 2017 onwards

22.09.17	Year 2 Golden Time	Some children in Year 2 weeded the vegetable patch and sowed some broad bean seeds. We weeded some of the flowerbeds beside the classrooms.
28.09.17	Eco Council	Our first meeting of the term with the new eco council. Everyone introduced themselves and said what they would like to achieve this year. The suggestions mostly involved fundraising and looking after animals and planting more around the school.
29.09.17	Year 2 Golden Time	Year 2 planted some hyacinth bulbs into pots to be kept indoors. They also weeded out some outdoor pots and planted some daffodil bulbs into them. The golden time gardeners weeded the flowerbed around the KS2 playground shed. They planted daffodil bulbs around it, then planted pansies and cyclamen.
05.10.17	Eco Council	We took photographs for our eco noticeboard and discussed all the 9 eco topics and ideas of areas we could work on this year.
06.10.17	Year 2 Golden Time	During today's gardening session year 2 weeded the vegetable patches in early years. They picked the mangetout and tomatoes and tasted them. Golden time gardeners sowed broad beans and lettuce seeds into the vegetable patches in the early years.
12.10.17	Eco Council	The Eco Council all looked at our new display board and discussed how our information will be displayed there. We decided later in the year we will update our eco code. Today we split into 5 groups and each group designed a mini poster for one of the eco topics we have worked on. These were added to our display
13.10.17	Year 2 Golden Time	Some Year 2 children worked on the Early Years garden. They weeded out a container and filled it with daffodil bulbs, cyclamen and pansies. During golden time a group of children tidied up the plants growing in the tyres in early years. They planted daffodils and pansies into them.
19.10.17	Eco Council	Today we applied for our green flag renewal.
20.10.17	Year 2	In Year 2's final gardening session of the term a group of children planted some daffodil bulbs and planted pansies into containers.
02.11.17	Eco Council	Today we discussed the 9 eco topics and some ideas of work we could do on each topic. We learnt about our environmental review and started to go through questions on the review. All the Eco Councillors voted on answers for the questions.
03.11.17	Year 6	A group of Year 6 pupils made cuttings from a rosemary bush. They used 2 different methods to test which would be the most successful. Some cutting were placed directly in water and some were dipped in a powder which encourages roots to grow, then planted directly into pots. They also collected some Autumn leafs to press for a display.
03.11.17	Golden time	The golden time gardeners collected a variety of Autumn leaves and put them in a flowerpress to dry and press them for a display. They also assisted the tent building group by collecting leaves for them to construct a den.
10.11.17	Year 6	We have received 30 tree saplings free from the Woodland Trust.

		These are being planted to commemorate 100 years since WW1. Each Year 6 pupil will plant and label their own tree around the perimeter of the school to build up a hedge. Today 10 of the trees were planted.
16.11.17	Eco Council	At today's meeting we completed our environmental review and discussed what we would be doing for "Switch off fortnight." We will make announcements to the whole school in tomorrow's assembly to let everyone know about "Switch off fortnight." We will be holding a quiz with prizes. To enter forms can be collected from our eco table. We will appoint energy monitors in each class to remind everyone to save energy. We will also remind the whole school to look at our noticeboard for information on this, our endangered animal updates and other projects we are working on.
23.11.17	Eco Council	We have received 26 entries to our energy competition so far. Prizes and certificates will be awarded at next week's assembly. We discussed the roles of the energy monitors and all thought about who we would like to appoint as energy monitors in each class. Stickers handed to each class to award energy savers and to label light switches.
23.11.17	Year 6	The remaining trees donated to us by the Woodland Trust planted.