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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a great Easter break. We are looking forward to getting started with term 5 in Nursery and welcoming our new Robins. We are all very excited and hope you are too!

Topic

Our topic this term is called '**How does your garden grow?**' where we will be focusing our learning around our outside environment and have a wonderful opportunity to explore forest school to extend our learning. For more information, please look at our knowledge organiser.

Literacy
This term we will focus on encouraging the children to give meaning to their marks and those that are ready will start to have a go at writing the letters in their names. Other children will begin to write sounds they hear in simple words. We will be listening to stories including, 'Sam plants a sunflower' and 'The very hungry caterpillar' and encouraging children to talk about the main events and suggest possible endings. We will also be introducing tales toolkit to help support structures of stories.
Mathematics
This term in Maths, the children will continue with their counting and recognising numbers up to 10. They will be using their measuring skills by comparing the sizes of different objects and beginning to talk about length and height.
Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)
This term during circle times we will be talking about growing and changing. The children will have the opportunity to observe and talk about changes in nature and then talk about how they have grown since they were babies. We will also be developing our emotional vocabulary and talking about different feelings.

Forest school

We are very lucky to be having the experience of forest school which is on our school grounds. This session will be led by Mrs Bytyci, who is a very experienced forest school teacher. I know that our children will love exploring and taking risks. Waterproof clothing will be provided for all the children to wear throughout the session; however, can I please ask that the children have named wellies and suitable old clothing to wear underneath.

Forest school sessions will take place on a **Friday morning** (weather dependent), if attending the morning session can the children please arrive in their own clothing. If staying all day, please bring school uniform in a named bag to change in to after forest school.

Upcoming events.

In term 6 we are planning a day of sports on **Tuesday 17th June** so our children can join in with their very own '**Sports Day**'. We will welcome the children in their sports clothes for a whole day of working well as a team, obstacle courses and races. We will **not** be inviting parents at this stage but again please look out for some photos!

Finally, we would love to invite parents to our nursery class exhibition afternoon on **Tuesday 24th June 2-3pm** where you will have the opportunity to look at the children's amazing artwork and join your child with some much loved activities too!

More information regarding all the above to follow.

Suncream, sunhats and water

As the weather warms up over the next few months can we please ask that your child has a named sunhat to wear throughout the day, it would also be very helpful if your child could arrive for their session with suncream already applied. We are happy to apply more suncream if needed, can we ask that you supply their own named suncream that we can keep safely in our cupboard. We will be encouraging the children to continue to drink plenty of water, so please ensure they have a named bottle too.

Evidence me

It is so wonderful to see the constant uploads and comments made by parents on Evidence Me. We really enjoy receiving these and I know how much the children enjoy showing everyone during carpet sessions about things they have achieved or experienced, so please keep them coming!

Finally, please can I remind you to continue to visit our blog at: <https://classroom.google.com> This is a great way to find out what we have been learning and celebrating our achievements throughout the week.

So much to look forward to in Nursery. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to us at drop off or collection.

Best wishes,

Mrs Robinson
Nursery Leader