

Reception Summer Term

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have enjoyed the Easter holiday and are looking forward to the last term of Reception!

We have moved on to the topic 'Growing and Change'. We will be starting to prepare our garden area for growing fruits and vegetables, so if anybody has any spare compost, seeds or small hand held gardening tools we could use then we would be very grateful. Any help from keen gardeners would also be much appreciated! We are trying to revamp our outside area and would also appreciate it if anyone has any old pans and kitchen tools, sand paper, off cuts of wood, and nails to help with fine motor control.

We will also be studying mini-beasts and dinosaurs. Our trip this half term to Brandon Marsh on Thursday 16th May will link with this and we will be able to find and handle mini-beasts as well as take part in pond dipping.

The children are making very good progress with both reading and writing, and your input from home makes a huge difference, thank you very much. Please continue to share your child's reading book with them as often as possible (and comment in their reading diary so that we know that it has been read). Most of the children do still find it difficult to remember the more difficult sounds in their phonics book. Please continue to practise these but work from the back of the book so you concentrate on the more difficult sounds.

We will continue to let you know the focus of each week in the home learning journal so you can talk about this and record anything down. It really is lovely and useful to read about the things you do at home.

We are planning an **OPEN AFTERNOON** from 2.15pm on **Wednesday 5th June**. We would love you to come to spend time with your child in the classroom and share their work with them.

It will be our **CLASS ASSEMBLY** on **Friday 14th June** starting at 9 am. Please come if you can!

Please don't hesitate to pop in or make an appointment to see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Mrs A Fairbairn and Mrs S.Jones