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Summer 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter with your children and now ready for a very exciting Summer term ahead! Our topic this term is called **'What's in the Garden'**. Over this first half term our learning and activities will be based around mini-beasts (butterflies, ants, bees, worms, spiders, ladybirds, snails etc.). We will also be looking at plants and flowers you can grow in your garden and the life cycle of a butterfly and other small animals such as a frog and a chick.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

The children will learn to take care of their environment and living creatures. We will discuss rules for taking care of the mini-beasts such as the real live caterpillars and learning about what a flower needs to grow.

Writing:

The children will continue to work on their mark making skills by 'writing' facts about their favourite mini-beasts and instructions on how to grow a plant. Some children will be writing their names and simple words.



Reading:

We are pleased to see how often you are reading with your children at home. Please continue to comment in their reading record books about what they read and remembered about the story. If you would like to change your child's book, before we do, please just ask a member of staff – the more stories you read with your child the more progress they make.

Physical Development:

The children have the opportunity to be outside everyday where they can climb, jump, run, cycle and play PE games. We also enjoy dancing to different kinds of music and genres. All we ask is that your child wear appropriate shoes or trainers – Velcro are the best! Please could you ensure that no necklaces, bracelets or hooped earrings are worn whilst at school. Small studs are fine.



Mathematics:

The children will sort, count, order and make a graph about mini-beasts. They will begin to explore aspects of measure and develop early understanding of addition, subtraction and number bonds up to five. We will be playing number games and hunts in the environment around us, especially outside, now the weather is getting warmer.

Understanding the world:

The children will explore and investigate mini-beasts in the Forrest school. They will be able to comment on what they see happening with the caterpillars and stick insects (that we will have in class) and begin to learn about life cycles and the changes that take place.

Expressive Art & Design:

In the Nursery we love to get messy so this term we will be continuing to do so. The children will experience working with a variety of media and materials as they weave, make 3-D models of mini-beasts and explore a range of creative making tasks.

Things you can do at home:

Make a trip to the library (once it re-opens) and see what you can find out about mini-beasts. Look on the internet and watch videos about these amazing animals and insects.



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Birthdays: A gentle reminder.

Birthday cake— please ensure there are no nuts in the cake due to allergies. As long as the cake is sealed, we are happy to share it amongst their friends.

School Blog: Please don't forget to look at SMM school's blog – photographs of what the children are learning and doing are posted weekly and your comments would be greatly appreciated.

Welcome back: Mrs Rao and Mrs Osei have returned from maternity leave after giving birth to a healthy little girl and boy. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them!

Finally: Please remember that we are here for your child and if you wish to discuss anything please don't hesitate to ask. It's still a little difficult as Government guidelines are still in place but at least things are starting to improve.

Kindest regards,

The Nursery team: Mrs. Turner, Mrs Rao, Mrs. Osei and Ms Jesmila.

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