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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! We hope you had a relaxed and enjoyable Easter break. We are looking forward to a busy term and beginning our exciting new topic. There is a lot to learn for everyone, so please feel free to catch us outside or use our class emails with any concerns or questions you may have. Our theme for the moment is 'In the Garden' and our focus is upon growing plants and food. We are basing our learning around the story 'Oliver's Vegetables', written by Vivian French and 'Eddie's Garden' by Sarah Garland. If you have any areas of expertise, skills or resources that you would like to share, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support with reading and learning at home. We are now able to give the children two reading books each Friday. In order for us to do this, can you please remember to write a comment in your child's reading record so we know you have listened to them read. Those children who have read at home and practised their letters, sounds and tricky words have made faster and better progress than those who have not regularly taken part. We are now ready to work through the final Phase 3 sounds and tricky words before moving on to using and applying these.

As the weather hopefully continues to improve, we will be spending more time outdoors. As we move further into the term can you please ensure that your child comes to school with a named sunhat and water bottle and on hot, sunny days, wearing a high factor, long lasting sun-cream. We are unable to keep or apply sun cream at school. There are some shady spots on the playground and we will be looking at these together and will remind children of where they can go when they feel too hot.

We are looking forward to catching up with our outdoor Physical Development, using the field as well as the playground for our whole class PE lessons. During these sessions we will again, be able to change into our PE kits. Your child will need to wear black shorts, a green Witherbycombe polo shirt and suitable trainers or plimsolls. As we still have limited use of the cloakrooms, could you kindly ensure that these are all named and brought into school on your child's PE day (Bumble Bees & Dragonflies – Tuesday, Ladybirds – Wednesday). We will also continue to visit Nature School each week (Ladybirds on a Tuesday, Bumble Bees on Wednesday and Dragonflies on Thursday) and children will need to bring their wellies on these days only. We are sorry for the inconvenience but do not have any space to store these items.

We really value your partnership in your child's learning and progress through the Wow Slips you have been sending in. Please let your child's Teacher or TA know if you need any extra copies of these. It has also been great to see so many of you posting pictures, videos and comments on the Tapestry website. It helps us to build up the assessment picture and data for your child and the children love sharing the things they have done on the big whiteboard screen. If you haven't managed to log on regularly, please do try to. There are some great pictures and you get a real insight into what goes on at school. We also really appreciate being informed of anything happening at home which may affect your child at school.

We did not seem to have as many jumpers/clothing/ties disappearing last half term but again, could we please ask that everything is clearly named and labelled.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The EYFS Team