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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable break. This term our topic is 'Ready, Steady, Grow' where our learning will focus on plants, gardens and minibeasts. The children have so much to look forward to this term with exciting art activities and our school trip to Westonbirt.

As part of the topic, we will be looking at books such *Christopher's Caterpillars*, *Omar The Bees and Me* and *Superworm*. We are also looking forward to welcome new additions to our school- little pots of Painted Lady caterpillars!

During our topic we will be writing a range of texts including fact sentences, descriptions, instructions and letters. We are focusing on correct letter formation, finger spaces and correct sentence punctuation and so any practise of this at home would be greatly appreciated. In Maths we are introducing a counting tool called a Rekenrac which will help the children count to 20 and find smaller numbers within larger numbers using the red and white beads (see Topic web). The children will continue to recognise number patterns, recall addition facts (including writing formal addition sentences) as well as learning more formal subtraction and counting on from a given number.

The children will continue using their spelling books this term in preparation for Year 1. The spellings are the Common Exception Words that the children are expected to know by the end of Reception. It is important that these are done 3 times a week. These are collected in every Thursday and new spellings are given out on Friday. We would also appreciate you reading with your child at home, especially as we continue to learn new Common Exception words and new adjacent consonants during our Phonics sessions. Please ensure you are making note in your child's reading record of when they have read.

With this in mind, please ensure that book bags are brought to school daily as this means we can read with the children and change their books, as well as adding new spellings and correspondence to go home. As the weather is getting warmer it is important that the children come to school wearing sun cream and have a hat as our children will be doing a lot of outdoor activities. Finally, PE will continue to be Mondays and Tuesdays this term. Please ensure that PE kits come into school each Monday and children arrive in school in their PE on Tuesdays.

As this is our last term, we would like to thank parents for their help and support this year, we hope you have had an enjoyable year in Reception.

Many Thanks,

The Reception Teachers