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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you and your children after the Easter break. The Early Years team would like to begin by thanking you for your invaluable support throughout the last two terms. The children have continued to make fantastic progress and we are so very proud of their achievements to date. We cannot believe that we are in the final term of your children’s time in Reception. Over the next term we will be working hard with our Key Stage One colleagues to prepare you and your children for the transition into Year One. We greatly appreciate all you do at home to support us with our work in the classroom.

During this half of the Summer Term our topic focus is ‘let’s Grow/Mini-beast Madness’. We will be focusing on lots of stories relating to plants and animals. Our first book to be explored includes ‘Jack and the beanstalk’. If you have anything at home relating to this topic, then please encourage your child to bring it in for the investigation area. Please find our medium term planning on the website, which shows you in greater detail the learning that we will be focusing on this half term. We hope this information will enable you to discuss and reinforce with your child what we are teaching in school.

After half term our new topic will be ‘Christopher Columbus’. We are planning a special day linked to the theme and this will take place in June. More details will follow. We are constantly looking at different ways to engage the children in their learning and are hoping to set up a gardening area outside Owls. If you have any old/spare pots, compost or plants that you wish to donate, then these would be greatly received.

As a team we are very much looking forward to working with you and your child over this final term. We hope to not only prepare the children for the transition into Year One, but continue to foster a love of learning which will remain with them as they continue to grow and develop.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jo Griffiths