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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone and we hope you've had a good Easter break.

Our topic this term is called **Our World**. Within the topic we'll focus on the change in seasons, different types of weather and will have a strong Eco theme to learn about those environments close to home (i.e. school, home, Oxford) and the wider world. We'll be learning about how we can reduce, reuse and recycle what we use and how we can care for the world we live in. We always like to grow plants at this time of year so we will grow sunflowers so each child has one to care for and bring home. We will focus on how plants and trees impact the planet and why we all need them. We'll be using a range of story and picture books to support our topic, such as Jasper's Beanstalk, Mabel's Magical Garden and Percy the Park Keeper as well as information books so please bring in anything of interest to share. Our main focus for art this term is in textiles, so we will be learning about fabrics and having a go at weaving. We'll continue to explore colour, printing, drawing, 3D junk modelling and collage.

It is now the period of Ramadan so we will be learning about and thinking of those of our families who will be observing the customs and celebrating Eid very soon.

During the second part of the term we will have a topic based on travelling and adventures called **The Magic Carpet Ride** and will focus on both real and imaginary places. In the topic we will learn about the countries special to the children as well as places closer to home. We'll be using our imaginations to create magical places and develop the children's skills in drama to act out their own ideas and stories. We'll have a special emphasis on creative writing at this time too. We'll also be developing our art skills to make magic carpets as well as some woodwork skills too.

We have PE every Tuesday and are currently learning some ball skills which we'll then develop into bats and balls. Please remember to send the children in sports clothes every Tuesday. We also do Forest School on Wednesdays and whilst the children may not need their wellies and raincoats as it gets warmer, they might need sunhats so do please send them with the appropriate clothing on that day especially.

Just a reminder that we are now using the garden gate at home times for collections at 3pm.

Kind regards and thank you for all your support,

Mrs Rebecca Tillotson