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We have had a busy first week back; the children seemed to have enjoyed many activities and outings over the holiday and are very excited about the second part of our summer topic 'Dead or Alive'. We will be caring not just for our new addition Ruby the dinosaur, but carefully thinking about how to care for our local environment. We plan to take care of all the living things in our outside area (plants, birds and insects), and rejuvenate our vegetable patches and planters. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at living things in the present, including humans and plants, and exploring their basic needs for survival (water, food and air). By the end of the topic we hope to have created a garden full of organic vegetables featuring homes and food sources for many wonderful creatures to visit. We do have a little task for you to complete before the 2nd July to enhance our topic: we would like your child to take photos of plants and wildlife in your garden and local area so that we can make a class identification book to share.

Last week, we noticed that the wildlife area and butterfly garden had suddenly become abundant with flowers and creatures. We watched bees and butterflies flitting from one place to another and made close observational drawings of the flowers. We also consolidated our work on number and democratically voted for two school council members for Oak Class.

This week, we will listen to the story 'Olivers Vegetables' by Vivian French, planting seeds and making shopping lists. Year one children will design their very own healthy vegetable patches and

We thought we would just share the birth of Ruby with you. The children are still very excited about her development and the relationships between Mum (Tracy) Dad (Cedric) and Brother Steven.



use adjectives to help describe some of the vegetables they would like to grow. In numeracy we will start to tell the time and use the appropriate vocabulary when discussing how a year is split into days, months and seasons. Year one children will also look at a digital clock.

Handwriting

Over the next few weeks the children will consolidate the correct orientation for each letter of the alphabet, both uppercase and lowercase. Handwriting is an important part of physical development, so any extra practice at home would benefit their writing skills. Year one children will attempt cursive letters too, ready for next year.

Have a great week,
Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Melanaphy