



**WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – NURSERY 7 April 2015**

**MESSAGES**

- Could we please ask parents to send in a piece of fruit with their child for an activity this week. This could be their favourite fruit or something new that they haven't tried. Much appreciated!

**Learning Theme – Growth**

Spring is here and the weather is beautiful, a perfect time to get our hands dirty in our garden and plant seeds, flowers and herbs. Growth will be our new theme for the next few weeks, with a real focus on healthy eating and what helps us grow to be big and strong. Using the fruit that is sent in we will use our senses to taste, smell, touch, encouraging the children to talk about how it tastes, smells etc. What is your favourite fruit? Is it juicy or creamy? Is it a big fruit or small? Where does this fruit grow? Is it healthy?

**Key Vocabulary: taste, smell, touch, senses**



**Understanding the World**



Planting will be a big part of our week; however it is not just about what we plant and how we do it but how do we care for the flowers. What do we need to do daily for the plants to grow? How can we care for them? What will happen if we don't do this? In an exploration tub we will also look at some flowers that have unfortunately not made it through the winter. What is the difference in these plants? How do they feel? Using this as an opportunity to investigate the flower in more depth the children will also look at the roots, and learn to label the different parts of the plant.

**Key Vocabulary:** Plant, care for, water, decay, grow, stem, roots, leaves.

**Phonics**

Our phonics sessions will continue to be differentiated in small groups. We will be thinking about alliteration, playing I spy games to try and listen for the initial sound in a word.

**Mandarin**

We are going to talk about vegetables this week. We will do some activities related to the theme.

**Key words:** potato(tu dou ) 土豆 tomato (xi hong shi) 西红柿 cucumber(huang gua) 黄瓜 carrot(hu ruo bo) 胡萝卜 broccoli(xi lan hua) 西兰花 pumpkin(nan gua) 南瓜

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Craft Making : Draw and decorate a carrot, Tomato paper craft

Story: Vegetable Kingdom

Song : Pull the Turnip (ba luo bo) 拔萝卜 Vegetable Song(shu cai ge)蔬菜歌

Many thanks for your continued support,

**The Nursery Team**