

# Grove Road Primary School



5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

Over the next half term, Nursery and Reception are hoping to enhance our provision with more natural and authentic resources to create a calm, tranquil and stimulating learning environment. We have started sourcing 'real' resources, recycled materials and 'loose parts', to replace the traditional plastic toys and were hoping for your help.

Research shows us that wooden and natural resources encourage creativity and imagination in young children. Plastic toys can often only be used for their purpose and can restrict children's thinking skills. Natural resources offer a great deal of open-ended play, with the children using them to fit the play that they are working through at the time, rather than the play materials dictating the play. Materials that can be adapted to meet the children's needs are most effective. These real items also help bring a wondrous homely feel allowing the children to learn through discovery and investigation.

We would like to ask if you have any of the following items that you may want to get rid of.

Unwanted sofas, coffee tables, magazine racks

Lamps

House plants

Artificial plants / ivy

Table cloths

Rugs

Old wrapping paper / wall paper

Wicker baskets

Old magazines

Tubing

Old shoes, hats

Wood / screws / bolts / tools

Old telephones / electrical goods

Kitchen utensils (stainless steel, porcelain)

Collections of keys

Jam jars

Corks

Thank you for your support.

The Early Years team