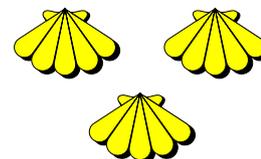


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Rainbow Class

Dear Parents

We are very pleased to welcome your child to Rainbow Class and hope that they will be very happy. This should be an exciting and special time for everyone, so please feel free to talk to a member of the team whilst your child is settling in. The Foundation Stage Curriculum is based around seven areas - Personal and Social Development - Physical Development - Communication - Literacy - Maths - Understanding the World - Expressive Arts and Design. The children's progress is recorded in a 'special book' called a Learning Journal. We photograph the children frequently but often as part of a group, so your child's picture may be in another child's learning journal.

The first half term's theme is 'All about me.' This covers areas including 'likes and interests', the body and family and friends. Here we will address PSHE issues such as sharing and friendships. We very much lead from the children's interests and their curiosities in the Early Years, so for the second half term I will ask the children for their ideas and the topic will be found. If your child has something they wish to share they are welcome to bring it in (no more than one thing a week please).

For the first few weeks in Nursery we will be carrying out initial assessments. The children will familiarise themselves with the many activities that are available. We will assess your child in maths by singing a variety of number rhyme songs, using number names in play, having a go at writing numbers, describing and comparing different objects and talking about positional language.

From the start we encourage the children to attempt their own writing, gaining confidence when expressing themselves. There will be many opportunities through play activities and adult led sessions for them to practise writing and at all times the child's efforts will be praised. Alongside these early attempts at writing we reinforce correct letter formation and pencil grip and we ask that you help us by ensuring these are also reinforced at home.

In Maths the children will be learning, recognising and using numbers to 10 and learning to count to 20 and beyond and backwards from 10. They will be involved in practical maths activities with adult support to help them to develop mathematical thinking and to solve simple mathematical problems. Please look for simple 2D and 3D shapes around your home and when you are out and about. It is important that children understand the vocabulary we use - more than, less than, the same as, on top of, how many, behind, shape, space, count, number names and position etc.



'Bug club' will be set up for your child to access online books at home. The webpage for it is www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Details to follow.

Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly named; this makes our lives easier, but also makes things much simpler for your child. Names are needed on clothes, PE kit, spare clothes, water bottles, wellies, lunch boxes and book bags - plus anything else you can think of!

Our PE days are currently on a Friday and children will be expected to dress and undress themselves. We appreciate this is a learning process so please support your child to practise at home. Long hair should be tied back please and no earrings. Activities will include climbing, throwing and travelling in different ways.

Please do not put the children's spare clothes into their PE bag as this is very confusing for them. A strong carrier bag is best for the spare clothes as rucksacks take up too much room on their pegs. Please encourage the children to try to hang up their own coats and put up their own names, so that they can be as independent as possible.

It helps the children to identify their book bag if a key ring of their choice is clipped on to the handle.

The children have a fruit snack each day provided by the Government - they will also have a carton of milk if you have signed the form requesting this. Water is vital to a child's wellbeing so please can you bring in a named bottle of water each day.

May I inform you that the school is a mobile free zone so please respect this. Also the play equipment is not to be used before or after school for Health and Safety reasons. Thank you.

Ms Kirk
Rainbow Class Teacher

