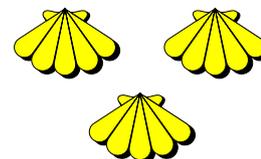


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## Summer Newsletter - 2017

Year N - Rainbow Class

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to Rainbow class; we do hope that you have enjoyed the Easter break. All the children returned refreshed, pleased to see their friends and ready for some exciting learning.

Over the course of the year, the children have already achieved so much and we look forward to providing new exciting learning opportunities throughout the next term. We will continue to share the children's learning journals fortnightly (Friday at home time). However, if you would like to share the journal on an alternative day the books are regularly updated and are always available to look at.

Over the next few weeks we shall be learning about homes and houses. Looking at our own first and then comparing them to others around the world. We will be setting up a display so please do contribute to this either with books or interesting artefacts. After that we will be led by the children on the next topic. After half term both the Reception class and Nursery class will be visiting The National Trusts Ashridge estate near Berkhamsted on 14th June. This will involve a day of outdoor activities exploring different habitats; we will give you further details in the coming weeks.

We will be making different models in class so we appreciate any objects such as: small boxes, cylinders, prisms, tubes that you no longer need. If your child has anything at home that relates to the topic, we are more than happy to share this in class. However, please remember we will no longer be bringing toys into class, we will be putting these into book bags at the start of the day.

In class, we are now starting to be more confident with Phase 2 of the phonics programme and we have some resource packs of the sounds. If you would like to borrow a pack to look through at home with your children then please do not hesitate to ask.

Homework is in the form of reading and sharing books. Please do read to your child daily as it makes a huge difference not only to their reading skills but in developing their phonics work and writing. I can give you support and advice if you need this. We will continue to take books home every Tuesday and Friday. Please share and enjoy these with your children, talking about the characters, settings, illustrations and humour. Encourage them to hold the book and turn the pages carefully. Guess what they think might happen at the end of the story. Please look after the books at home.



Please check inside your child's book bag every day for important letters and your child's work. Children are very proud of their work and like to share it with you.

Through early writing, we praise children for any mark making that they do as this will encourage them as we begin to learn how to write our names. We reinforce the skills by providing many writing activities throughout our classroom but also by devising activities whereby children can develop and practise their fine motor skills. Any writing your child does at home would be welcomed in school. Please encourage your children to have a go at writing and bring it along for show and tell time where we can share it with other members of the class.

PE is currently on a Friday. Children are now expected to try to dress and undress themselves, although we appreciate this is a learning process so support at home would be wonderful. We will be using new equipment such as the ropes and apparatus to strengthen and develop our gross motor movements too so it is important children have appropriate clothing for PE and hair is tied back and no jewellery is worn (including large headbands). Also, please can we remind you that black school shoes are to be worn and grey tights.

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 place their books in the named box, hang up their own coats on their designated pegs, place their water bottle in the basket and put up their own names on our self-registration board. Although, this seems like a lot to remember this will set a high standard to enhance their independence. 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 requested this. Water is vital to a child's wellbeing. We remind you to make sure your child has their own water bottle each day.

Rainbow Class runs from 8.40am to 11.40am. Please wait promptly by the Foundation Stage gate at the beginning and end of the session. When you come into the classroom to collect your child they will all be sitting on the carpet and the teacher will call your child's name - they will soon learn that they must wait until they are called and this means that we know that they are safe with their grown up.

May I remind 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.

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum advocates that outdoor and indoor learning are equally important. Hence, children will be able to move freely between indoors (Nursery classroom) and outdoors (Nursery playground), supervised at all times in both areas. Please ensure, if it is going to be hot and sunny, that your child comes to Nursery wearing sun cream and a sun hat.

Can I remind you to bring in cooking money please for those parents who have it still outstanding. Thank you. Hopefully this letter will contain much of the information you need. Mrs Glasgow and I are always available to answer questions, but if you want to have a longer chat just ask, so that a suitable time can be arranged.

Mrs Watson

Rainbow Class Teacher

