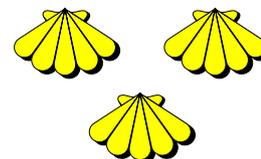


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## Spring newsletter 2019

Rainbow - Nursery class

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! Our emphasis on practical and play-based activities continues this term. The children are now familiar with the expectations of school and understand what is expected from them in terms of behaviour and 'work'. We continue to help them to develop their independence, selecting their own materials and planning their own learning, as well as being responsible for their own belongings. As before, there will be a balance of directed and self-chosen activities, and initial topic work may evolve depending upon the children's interests.

This half term we are beginning with the theme of 'Weather', some examples of learning include: investigating the different types of weather - splashing in puddles, walking in the rain with our umbrellas, making kites, making wind chimes, making snowflakes, freezing water, draw around shadows, make our own fog. If you have any books, soft toys or objects relating to our topic we would be very grateful, as the children always love sharing their objects from home.

All children will bring books home to share with you. Please help them to talk about the pictures and enjoy telling stories. Children who read little and often are those who make best progress, we aim to change books regularly in school usually on a Friday. If they have 'read' a book, ask them to choose a favourite picture to talk about - Why is it a good picture etc. What do you think happens after this story has finished? Can you tell me about the different characters in the book? Children should also hear and share other favourite stories and rhymes regularly. It is important to model language in all its forms so that they can at first absorb it and subsequently use it.

We will continue to encourage the children to attempt their own writing, gaining confidence in expressing themselves. There will be many opportunities through play activities and adult led sessions for them to practise writing their names and later members of their family, at all times the child's efforts are 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.



This term in phonics we will be introducing the children to the letter sounds and names of the alphabet.

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. Together look for simple shapes 2D and 3D shapes around your home and when you are out. 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.

Please can you make sure that all 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!

Now that all the children are very settled, and our wonderful Christmas Nativity has finished we will be taking part in our regular PE session on a Thursday, children will be expected to dress and undress themselves, we appreciate this is a learning process, so support at home would be wonderful. No earrings on PE day and long hair to be tied back please.

Please do not put the children's spare clothes into their PE bag as this can be 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, hats and gloves so that they can be as independent as possible.

The children have a fruit snack each day provided by the Government - they will also have a carton of milk. Water is vital to a child's wellbeing. We do not have easy access to drinking water in our classroom and we ask that children all 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.

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.

Ms Kirk

Rainbow Class Teacher

