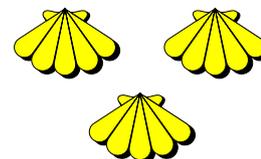


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Summer Newsletter 2018

Year N - Rainbow Class

Dear Parents

Welcome back everyone. We hope you are ready for a busy Summer Term.

This term we hope the weather will be kind to us so that much of the children's learning can take place outside. If you have any spare plants or seeds, flowers or vegetables, we will happily take them off your hands. Likewise if you have any containers that we can grow things in we would like to extend our collection, especially if they are unusual. Of course as you know, where our learning goes is very much led by the children's interests so we wait with excitement to find out what we will be doing while we ensure that all the necessary skills and Early Learning Goals are being taught.

With the warmer weather on its way it is really important that children have their own named water bottle that they can access whenever necessary. Drinking water throughout the day is vitally important and children who have easy access are much more lively and ready to learn.

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 continuing with the theme of 'Growing' as well as working on the theme of the 'Hungry Caterpillar', as the children have become very interested in the changes that take place during the life cycle of a caterpillar. If you have any books, or objects relating to our topics we would be very grateful as the children always love sharing their objects from home.

Thank you to all the parents who have already brought in their baby photo, if you haven't as yet brought it in, please feel free to bring this in.

Phonics sessions will continue daily and we are continuing to learn the letter names and sounds in a variety of different ways. At this stage we are developing the children's blending and segmenting skills in order to develop their pre-reading skills. At home please encourage your child to tell you the sound that an object



begins with and playing simple games like sound talking words e.g. can you find a p-e-n and simple rhyming words e.g. cat, mat, and bat.

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.

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 try to look for simple 2D and 3D shapes together 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!

This term PE will continue to be on a Thursday. Please make sure your child has a full P.E. Kit with blue shorts, school logo PE T-shirt and plimsolls. As Sports Day is approaching please ensure your child has footwear that fits. Please also ensure they have a blue hat and apply sun cream before school now the weather is improving.

The children will continue to develop their mouse skills and computer knowledge weekly in the ICT suite, in addition to this the children have access to the iPads and frequently use the interactive white board in many areas of their learning.

The children enjoy creating objects with your junk. We then transform this into wonderful 3D art. Keep this coming in please.

As much as we have encouraged key rings on book bags for ease of recognition, it does cause some distraction during the end of the day story time, so please could you choose just one key ring with your child that will be attached to their book bag and remove the rest.

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.

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 time can be arranged.

Yours sincerely

Ms Kirk

Class Teacher

