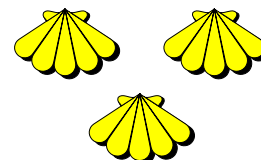


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Spring Term newsletter 2016 Rainbow class

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to Rainbow class this term after the busy, festive period. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members of the class who, so far, have settled in to the classroom quickly.

The Foundation Stage Curriculum (which includes Nursery and Reception) is based around seven areas - Personal and Social Development - Physical Development - Communication - Literacy - Maths - Understanding the World - Expressive Arts and Design. As I am sure that you all agree, the children are now ready to take on a few more challenges and I am looking forward to providing many new learning opportunities for the children. We will continue to record your child's achievements in their personal 'learning journal'. Fortnightly, we will invite you into Nursery at the end of the school morning to look through the books so that your child can share their 'special work' with you. If you would like to have a look at these books at any other time, please do not hesitate to ask.

Our upcoming topic will be 'roles of professionals.' Each week we will look at different roles within the community; if you or a close family member work in the Emergency Services or have access to any resources, please could you let us know. We would like to make our topic exciting for the children and provide as many first hand experiences as possible. On the week beginning 7th March, we will be linking 'Beep, Beep' road safety awareness to the role of the 'crossing patrol' and we will also be celebrating 'Australia Day' in class where we will look at Pilots and Cabin Crew.

So far, 'Mrs Bear' has been a huge success with the children. I would also like to thank all the children and their parents who have participated so far as the children's scrap book is great. The Bear will continue to be rotated so that every child will have a chance to look after the bear.

We have a 'show and tell' box in the classroom, however we would prefer if your children could bring only educational toys, things that they have created or presents from recent celebrations as sometimes, we do run out of time to show all of the items in the box.



In class, we have now moved on to the introduction of phase 2 phonics, we have made up 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 with your child daily as it makes a huge difference not only to their reading skills but to develop their phonics work and writing. I can give you support and advice if you need this. Gradually, we will start to send home picture books so that your children will have the opportunity to tell you the story using the pictures. This half term a small project will be sent home for your child, this will contribute towards their learning journal and will reinforce what we are learning at School.

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 child to have a go at writing and bring it along for show and tell time where we can share it with others in the class. I like to encourage the children starting with their individual interests e.g tracing their name or familiar letters.

The children enjoy creating objects with your 'junk', if you have any containers such as; pringles tubes or persil tubs we would like to use them to make classroom instruments. We are also doing many dinosaur crafts this term to link to our new core book 'Dinosaur Roar'. We have some new books and resources for our 'Dinosaur Roar' story box and are looking forward to sharing them with the children e.g masks for imaginative play, number stories to enhance counting skills and a dinosaur hand puppet for storytelling.

Our PE day is Monday. Children are now expected to try to dress and undress themselves, though we appreciate this is a learning process so support at home would be wonderful. No earrings and long hair needs to be tied back please. We will be learning to move in different ways using lots of balls and hoops.

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 bags in the pink bucket, hang up their own coats, place their water bottle in the basket and put up their names on our self-registration board. Although, this seems like a lot to remember this will enhance their independence. To identify their book bag please clip on a key ring.

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. Please bring in a named bottle of water each day.

Rainbow Class runs from 8.40am to 11.40am. Please wait promptly by the Foundation Stage 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.

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.

Miss Benson Rainbow Class Teacher

