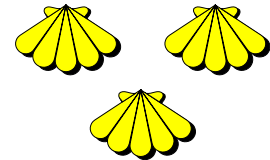


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Year N - Rainbow Class

Dear Parents,

We hope your children had an enjoyable Christmas and are now ready for an exciting new term. Our topic for the first four weeks will be birds and the season of winter. We will be making a bird hide, our own binoculars and bird cake! With our bird spotter guides and charts we are hoping to become experts at bird watching! In the nursery we lead from the children's interests, so after half term we will be asking the children for their thoughts and ideas as to the next topic area.

A selection of bird and winter themed books in particular "Owl Babies" by Martin Wardell will be looked at in more depth. We will look at changes in the weather and do some simple science experiments.

Our PE day will now take place every Friday. Please ensure that your child practises changing clothes at home so it becomes easier at school. Also no ear rings and long hair to be tied back please. It also helps both your child and us if all items of clothing are named.

The children will be able to choose a book on Tuesdays and Fridays to share with you at home. Regular reading and sharing of books is vital to your child's progress and fosters a love of learning. 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 know that modern life is very busy, however if your child is not sharing books at home regularly and bringing books back to be changed it will be more difficult for them to make good progress. 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? Have you ever had this experience etc. Children should also hear and share other favourite stories and rhymes often. It is important to model language in all its forms so that they can at first absorb it and then use it.

Rainbow Class runs from 8.40am to 11.40pm. Please wait by the gate of our area at the beginning and end of the session. When you come into the classroom to collect your child they will all be sitting at tables 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. Please let us know if another adult will be collecting your child.



Nursery afternoons will continue to run throughout this term on a Monday and a Wednesday. This runs until 3.20pm so please send in a packed lunch and ensure that you pick up on time as it can be unsettling for your child if they are left until last.

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 convenient time can be arranged.

Mrs Watson
Class teacher

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