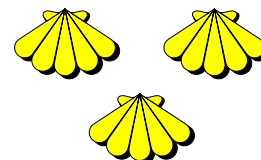


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## Summer Newsletter

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. 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.

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place over the following half term including a 'Farm to Fork' trip that is organised by Tesco. This is taking place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April (meeting at 9.15am) at the Edinburgh Way, Harlow store. **This will not affect the Wednesday afternoon session** as all children will return on the coach back to school. Please remember to return your letter by Monday 18th April along with £3.50.

Recently, the children have shown particular interest in 'Space' therefore we have decided to use this as our class topic over the next half term and look at different types of books that will fit in with this topic including: fiction and non-fiction. 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.

We will also look at different fairy tales to explore different language that is used in different books. If your child has a particular favourite story, they are welcome to bring this to share with friends at story time and we can keep them inside of the 'home box'. The core books that we have learned so far are recorded on our class page on the website if you would like to hear us re-tell them.

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. This term we will issue your child with a username and password for the online reading scheme: 'Bug Club'.



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. All the children in Rainbow class have now been introduced to the school reading programme (starting with picture books) therefore please ensure that you bring their book bag's to school daily so that the books can be changed weekly.

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 Monday. 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 bags in the pink bucket, 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 do not have easy access to drinking water or spare cups in our classroom. 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 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.

Miss Benson

Rainbow Class Teacher

