



Termly Newsletter Rainbow Class

November 2017

In the run up to Christmas we will spend time looking at traditions and festivals, for example, Bonfire Night. If anyone would like to come in and talk about a special family tradition or celebration, you would be most welcome. Please speak to Mrs Whitehall to arrange a suitable time.

The children will all visit the forest this term and should come prepared for all weathers, full details of this can be found on the Parent Board in the classroom window. During their visit they will be using all their senses to explore.

Our Christmas performance will take place on Tuesday 12th December in the morning. We also have a theatre performance visit on 13th December. There will be a class party on Monday 18th in the afternoon (no change of clothes needed) and Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th.

Parent Meetings

These will be on Tuesday afternoons during this term. Please ensure you have signed up for a slot as it is an important opportunity for us to discuss how well your child has settled in. You will also find out more about 'Tapestry' and receive your own log-in details.

Phonics Workshop

This session is an overview of phonics and reading at Long Lane. It is for Parents and Carers only on Wednesday 8th November 6 -7pm.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reading Books</u></p> <p>Please sign the yellow reading record books when you hear your child read. Remember a few minutes each day is best. Please encourage the children to look for as much detail as they can in the pictures and talk about these using full sentences. When ready, children will be given a word book but will still be expected to use the picture cues to aid comprehension.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Library Books</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The children can continue to change these on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sounds and Keywords</u></p> <p>Please find ways to go over these as much as possible, for example, by spotting them in story books and other texts in everyday contexts. In phonics sessions we will be working on letter sounds and blending words to help with reading skills.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Explorer Books</u></p> <p>The children will be given a book to encourage them to write at home. This may be used, for example, to get the children to write a shopping list, retell a story or a picture about something special they did at the weekend.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Number and Shape</u></p> <p>We will be counting, recognising, ordering and writing numbers up to 10/20 and beyond. We will look at ways of adding and subtracting numbers as well as comparing parcel weights in a post office role play.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Show and Tell</u></p> <p>Children are welcome to bring in items linked to our topic or items of interest. These should be in a named see-through bag and put in the 'show and tell' box. Each child has been given a specific day each week, depending on their House Team.</p> |

Thank You