



## Termly Newsletter Rainbow Class

March 2018

Our topic this term will be 'Spring'. During forest school sessions we will use observation skills to look for signs of change and carry out activities linked to this theme and think about who lives in the woods. We will start the term with the story of 'The Wind in the Willows' and this will link with our trip to the River and Rowing Museum on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. During this trip the children will participate in a creative session and retell the story as well as finding out about river wildlife. During this week the children will need to bring in their favourite book in for show and tell and be able to say why they chose it. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March the children can dress up as a character from the story for World Book Day. We will look at lifecycles of frogs and then use the story 'The Ugly Duckling' as a stimulus for our learning. Towards the end of the term we will undertake activities linked to Easter.

### Reading Books

Please sign the yellow reading record books when you hear your child read. It is essential that every child reads each night at home and that each book is read several times to increase fluency. Any keywords (eg the like was) in the text should also be revisited after reading as they are difficult to remember and can't be sounded out.

### Library books

The children can continue to change their book every Thursday.

### Explorer Books

We have a greater emphasis on writing now and the explorer books are a great way to reinforce this.

### Sounds and Keywords

Please find ways to go over these as much as possible, for example, by spotting them in story books and other text in everyday contexts. In phonics sessions we will continue to blend and chop up words to help improve reading and writing skills.

### Home Learning Task

This term the children will need to plant and grow a seed or bulb; observe how it changes and record it. Please bring it in for show and tell during the last week of term and these will then be planted in the school garden.

Number and Shape

We will be continuing with counting, recognising, ordering and writing numbers up to 20 and beyond. We will revisit adding and subtracting numbers, use number bonds to 10 and doubling and halving numbers. We will make number stories and solve problems linked to the stories we are using. This term we will also be collecting and presenting data, measuring time and problem solving. Please look for opportunities to reinforce these at home.

Show and Tell

Children are welcome to bring in items linked to our topic or items of interest. These need to 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. The final week will be to show what they have grown.

During book week the children will need to bring in their favourite book and tell the class the reason why.

Forest School

Please ensure the children wear suitable clothing for these sessions, such as gloves, hat and scarf, to keep them warm and dry as we will undertake these sessions whatever the weather! Long trousers and sleeves to cover arms are essential to help protect the children from ticks which can cause disease. The children must come to school wearing these clothes and bring in their uniform in a named bag.

They will also need to bring a snack, water, tissues and wipes in a small rucksack for each visit.

Please refer to the list up on the noticeboard to see when your child will be going.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Whitehall if you have any concerns at all.

The Rainbow Team