



Termly Newsletter Rainbow Class

Term 5 April 2018

This term we will have three mini-topics which link to the whole school 'Big Write' themes. Firstly, we shall be learning about the musical story of 'Peter and the Wolf', looking at different orchestral instruments and making our own musical compositions; then we will have an 'Under the Sea' based theme before finishing off celebrating the up-coming Royal Wedding. In PE sessions we will continue to have an outdoor session with a trained coach as well as a focus on maypole dancing this term. We plan to do a short performance to parents on Thursday 3rd May at 2:45 in the school hall.

Reading Books

Remember a few minutes each day is best. Please encourage the children to look for as much detail as they can in the pictures to aid comprehension and talk about these using full sentences to aid comprehension.

Explorer Books

Please keep up the good work done so far in these books. Please encourage your child to show these first thing in the morning when they arrive at school. There is an expectation that children should be able to write a simple sentence at the end of the foundation stage, please help your child to achieve this goal!

<p><u>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 text in everyday contexts. Lists are at the back of the yellow reading record books.</p>	<p><u>Library Books</u></p> <p>The children can change these whenever a parent volunteer is available. Please keep them inside bookbags so the children can do this when given the opportunity.</p>
<p><u>Number and Shape</u></p> <p>This work this term will be tailored very closely to the needs of the children and will vary depending on which group they are in. As a general guide, the children need to be able to count, recognise and order numbers to 20, be able to say what is one more or less than a given number and add/subtract small quantities. They should be able to name and describe 2D/3D shapes, order items by weight and length using comparative language to describe these. They should also be able to identify and use simple coins. Please support your child in any way you can, especially if they are struggling with any of these</p>	<p><u>Show and Tell</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Nature Walks</u></p> <p>The children will visit several local sites this term to give them an understanding of places in the local environment.</p> <p>Every time the children go they will need to have a small comfy to wear rucksack with the following items in; small water bottle, easy to eat snack, tissues and mini packet of hand wipes. School</p>

areas. Children excelling in these areas will be required to apply these skills in problem solving situations.

uniform will be worn along with wellington boots and a raincoat when necessary.

Groups and dates will be put up in the class window.

AOB

Please remember to say goodbye to your child before they come into the classroom carrying all their own belongings. Once inside they do need to stay inside.

At the end of the day, please collect the children promptly and take foundation stage children before collecting any older siblings.

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