



Rainbow Class Information

September 2019

Welcome to Long Lane Primary School. We hope you had a lovely summer and look forward to helping your children settle in as quickly as possible.

After a few weeks of settling in activities we will start our topic for this term 'What lives in the garden?' We will be exploring and observing our surroundings and use this as a stimulus for our learning and watch for changes as the year progresses.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reading Books</u></p> <p>Please sign the reading record books when you hear your child read. Remember a few minutes each day is best.</p> <p>The books will be changed twice a week if they have been read at home. Please put these into the book box on the correct day. The children will have log in details for Reading Eggs which can be used at home to supplement their reading development.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sounds and Keywords</u></p> <p>There are keywords written inside the reading record books. Please use this list at home to help your child to learn the words they should be able to read by the end of this school year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wow Moments</u></p> <p>Please fill in and send these in to display on the board in our classroom when your child has been a superstar at home. More forms can be requested when needed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Number and Shape</u></p> <p>We will be counting, recognising and ordering numbers up to 10/20. We will also look at patterns and shapes and will use the outdoor environment and ICT to enhance this work.</p> <p>The children will be provided with log in details for Mathletics which is for use at home.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Show and Tell</u></p> <p>The first showing item will be your child's treasure box. It is hoped that all children will have shown one by the last week of September. After that, children can bring in objects linked to our topic or items of interest. These need to be in a named see-through bag and put in the class box.</p>	

Forest School

The children will have the opportunity to visit a local natural site every other week to undertake outdoor learning activities. This will help develop speaking, listening and co-operation skills as well giving the children the chance to explore and enjoy the natural environment. Children will need to wear additional suitable clothing for these sessions to keep them warm and dry as we will undertake these sessions whatever the weather! For dates please look out for the rota. The first group will go on 7th October.

Tapestry

We are now using Tapestry to record your child's development. Please add parent comments to this when your child extends their school learning at home or does something amazing you would like to add, for example, learning to swim or riding their bike without stabilisers.

Developing Independence

The children need to be able to do the following by themselves, please help them to achieve this at home.

- Putting coats on and off and doing up buttons and zips
- Tying shoe laces (please provide Velcro shoes/trainers if they can't do this)
- Cleaning themselves after using the toilet and washing their hands as well as flushing the loo
- Getting dressed and undressed and putting on shoes
- Taking off their snack box lid
- Peeling fruit such as an orange
- Finding their own belongings

Please can you collect and send in items suitable for craft and junk modelling during the year, such as clean milk bottle tops, small cereal boxes and foil trays, shiny sweet wrappers, ribbon, buttons, wrapping and wall paper. Thank you.

If you are willing to help change library books, hear readers or play a game with a small group of children first thing in the morning please speak to Mrs Whitehall.

Please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Whitehall should you have any concerns or queries.

The Rainbow Team – Mrs Whitehall (class teacher)

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Everitt (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

Miss Batchelor (Weds)

Mrs Syrad will also cover the class on a Tuesday afternoon.