



## Termly Newsletter Rainbow Class

September 2016

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.

Our topic this term will be 'Rainbows' which is also our class name. During the term we will get to know each other and make new friends by working in groups and talking about ourselves to the class. Each child will get to talk about the objects in their treasure chests as part of this during the next few weeks. We will learn some rainbow songs and rhymes as well as read stories about rainbows, such as 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Noah's Ark'. The children will explore colour mixing and this will link to work on autumn.

<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. The books will be changed twice a week if they have been read at home.</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 text in everyday contexts. When you think they know them please hand in with the reading book for testing.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Number and Shape</u></p> <p>We will be counting, recognising and ordering numbers up to 20. We will also look at patterns and shapes and will use the outdoor environment and ICT to enhance this work.</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 need to be in a named see-through bag and put in the correct box. Each child will be given a specific day each week. This will start after all children have shown their treasure box items.</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.

### WOW Stars

Please fill in one of these each week to celebrate something your child has done at home. For example, as well as using their number or writing skills for a purpose, this could be helping someone, trying new foods, dressing themselves or a sporting achievement.

### 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
- 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. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with forest school.

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)

Mrs Winn(Weds and Fri PM) Miss Batchelor(Mon, Tues PM and Thurs AM).

Mrs Ayres, Mrs Maggs and Mrs Syrad will all do some cover sessions in Rainbow Class during the year.