

Termly Newsletter Rainbow Class



November 2016

Our topic this term will be 'festivals and light'. We will start off by talking about Bonfire Night and firework safety as well as creating splash paintings in the style of Jackson Pollock. We will have a space station role play area in the garden. After that we will look at the story of Rama and Sita and use this as a stimulus for drama, dance, art and music. As part of this we shall have a travel agent role play area. If anyone would like to come in and talk about a country they have lived in or visited, or would like to tell the children about festivals which are important in your family, you would be most welcome. Please speak to Mrs Whitehall to arrange a suitable time.

We shall spend some time looking at the seasonal changes during the winter before focusing on Christmas festivities. Our Christmas performance will take place on the Monday of the last week of the term in the morning. The children will need a costume and we will inform you as soon as possible as to what this will need to be in order to give you plenty of time to prepare. We also have a theatre performance visit at the end of term-please look out for details in the near future!

<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>The children can continue to change these on Friday afternoons.</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 have been 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.</p>

Forest School

The children really enjoyed their first visit to the forest school site and will continue with these activities which support our curriculum work. As the weather gets colder, please ensure the children wear additional suitable clothing for these sessions to keep them warm and dry as we will undertake these sessions whatever the weather! Children MUST wear gloves, thanks.

Please check the chart for your child's group and dates they will go on.

Parent Meetings

These will be on Tuesday afternoons during this term. Please ensure you have signed up for one of these as it is an opportunity for us to discuss how well your child has settled in, look at their learning journals and talk about what their next steps are.

Thank you.