



Termly Newsletter Rainbow Class

March 2017

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 also 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 Thursday 2nd March. During this they will participate in a creative session and then see the models which retell the story as well as finding out about river wildlife. On Friday March 3rd the school will have a World Book Day dress down. We would like the children to come as one of The Wind in the Willows characters for this (suitably coloured clothes and a homemade mask to keep it simple!). 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. We will also read 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and later in the term use the traditional tale of 'The Ugly Duckling' as a stimulus for our learning, followed by the Easter story.

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.

During class time reading will be in the form of group reading, children will only be occasionally heard individually by an adult in school.

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.

Explorer Books

We have a greater emphasis on writing now and the explorer books are a great way to reinforce this at home. Please keep up the good work done so far!

<p><u>Library books</u></p> <p>The children can continue to change these every Friday.</p>	<p><u>Weekend Task</u></p> <p>This term the children will need to plant and grow a seed or bulb; observe how it changes and record this to bring in the week before the Easter break.</p>
<p><u>Number and Shape</u></p> <p>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.</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. We will start off with looking at the holiday collages the children did over half term. The final week will be to show what they have grown.</p>
<p><u>Forest School</u></p> <p>The children have really enjoyed visiting the local natural site every other week to undertake outdoor learning activities which will support our curriculum work. 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! The children must come to school wearing these clothes. Please refer to the list up on the noticeboard to see when your child will be going.</p>	
<p>Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Whitehall if you have any concerns at all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rainbow Team</p>	