



## Rainbow Nursery Newsletter – November 2020

### Welcome back and well done!

First of all, I would like to extend a warm welcome back after a much needed half term rest. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning which is lovely to see. We have a busy time ahead with Christmas (dare I say it) quickly approaching. I am certain that there will be many changes to this year's celebrations; however, please can I assure you that spirits will be high and there will be festive cheer in abundance. If you do not wish for your child or children to participate in any of our activities then please do write to the Headteacher Mrs Garrett and let us know and we will ensure that equally engaging activities are provided. Finally, please remember to say a huge well done to your amazing children for all of their hard work and resilience last half term. They have astounded us with how quickly they have settled into Rainbow life. Each and every one of them is a joy to teach.



### Topics

Our topic this half term is **'Winter Animals'**. The children will be learning about a variety of animals and their habitats as well as thinking about how the weather changes during the different seasons of the year. You may want to visit the local library to find stories and information books on our topic to support your child's learning at home.

### Helping your child at home

Last half term we sent out our home learning jigsaw for the Autumn Term with plenty of activities to keep you busy until the New Year. We suggest that you aim to complete at least one task every week. Please feel free to take photographs and email them to us to add to your child's Learning Journals. We love seeing what you have been up to and celebrating your child's learning with them.



### Stay and Play

I am sad to say that due to Covid restrictions, we will not be holding 'Stay and Play' sessions this half term. However, we will be hoping to evaluate this during the New Year and will keep you informed of any changes. 'Stay and Play' sessions offer you the opportunity to stay in the nursery with your child and take part in their learning. It is a great way to see what happens in our nursery and what activities your child enjoys taking part in.



### Personal Belongings

Just a quick reminder to kindly ask you to clearly label your child's clothing, water bottle and lunch box. At present we will be requesting that you just pack the essentials that your child is going to require. Please remember to include nappies, nappy bags and wipes if you know that these will be needed.

### Spare Clothes

For many reasons, children may need to be changed into clean clothes during their session. Please could you ensure that your child has a named set of clothes in a bag in case of accidents.



### Jewellery

Although our children do not need to wear school uniform, please remember that they should **not** be wearing necklaces, rings or bracelets in the nursery. They may only wear small stud earrings. This is in line with School Policy and will help keep your child safe.

### Snacks

We do offer children a **healthy snack of fruit and a drink of water or milk** during the nursery session. Please do alert us if your child suffers from any allergies or food sensitivities to ensure that these are avoided.



### Help us to keep your child safe

Due to Covid 19, a one-way system is operating throughout the school. As normal, Rainbow children will enter through the Rainbow entrance to loop round and exit through the Jungle door. We would like to thank you in advance for wearing face masks and maintaining social distancing on our premises.

In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, **please can we remind you to check your child's temperature before coming into school.**

If your child or another member of your household has **any** of the following symptoms they must self-isolate for 14 days:

- A high temperature – feeling hot to touch on the chest or back.
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If your child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual.
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.



Please rest assured that we will be helping children to wash their hands throughout the session, and regularly cleaning and disinfecting toys and equipment.

Finally, we would just like to say a big thank you for all of your support. There are challenging times ahead, but as a community we will pull together and work through this in our resilient Oak Green way.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification. We are always happy to help.

Wishing you all the best.

Team Rainbow