

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Spring Term in Rainbow Class!

Our topic is 'Down on the Farm' incorporating animals, tractors and growing in the second part of term. As part of developing our outside area, I would like to ask you to bring in any metal utensils, pots and pans to help develop our mud kitchen, and also any off cuts of wood, crates and drainpipes that you may have (or let us know where to get hold of these for free or cheaply!). It would be much appreciated. Also, could you please save any recycling (bottles, boxes, yoghurt pots etc) to boost our creative area for modelling. Thank you in advance!

When the children come into school can I ask you to only come as far as the conservatory so the children can become independent with their learning during morning activity in a calm, quiet manner. From the Summer term you will leave them at the door of the conservatory to further assist their independence and help them with a confident transition to Year 1. Can I remind you to make sure that you are on time so that the children are settled at the beginning of the school day. Our learning begins straight away and latecomers can be a huge distraction.

On Tuesday 16th January I will be hosting the first 'Stay and Learn' session at 2:50pm. This will give you the opportunity to come into class for a 20 minute session where you can come and find out what the children have been learning and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you have about what we have been doing. The first session will give you an opportunity to look through your child's book to see what learning we have done in the Autumn term and beginning of this term. I will be doing this every two weeks and it would be great for you to join us.

PE kits will be required every Thursday, please ensure that your child's kit is in school by this week (11th January) and that everything is labelled to make sure it finds its way home if misplaced!

Reading – we have begun guided reading in class. The children will need to bring in their reading records in their book bag every day for us to write in. Some children are already on their second reading record book which is fantastic! The expectation is that the children are reading (or being read to) every day at home and that the reading record has been written in by an adult. It cannot be stressed enough that children who have this early reading support build better language acquisition and reading skills. To encourage reading at home, we shall be giving children team points for each time they read at home and their reading record has been written in! The children will be earning badges for amounts of team points earned, so this is an opportunity to boost them on their way!

Thanks for your support and let's have a great term!

The Reception Team