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Dear Parents/Carers

10th September 2018

Welcome to the first term in Rainbow class at Copplestone!

Our topic is 'And the Cow Jumped Over the Moon', which will include lots of nursery rhymes and fairy tales to support our early reading and writing skills as well as communication and language development.

The Autumn term will run much like pre-school with plenty of opportunities for independent learning through play. We will also be doing PE on a Thursday with Mrs Carpenter until half term and she will slowly introduce changing into PE kit as the term progresses. They will need to have a PE kit in school within the next couple of weeks. We will also begin to be learning our sounds and apply them in our reading and writing.

Meet the teacher:

There will be an opportunity to find out more about what is happening in Rainbow class and to ask any questions you have at 3pm on Friday 14th September. The children will be having a story with Miss Collins during this time.

Stay & Play and Come Read:

Stay & Play is an opportunity for you to come and join us and play! Come join us at 2:45pm on a Tuesday to help extend our play and support us develop our social and language skills starting Tuesday 18th September. These will turn into Stay & Learn, where I will lead a session with a focus such as a phonics, writing or maths which will be every two weeks.

Come Read is an opportunity for you to come read to Rainbow class! I will pop a sign up sheet in the conservatory, turn up with your favourite picture book and read to us at 3:15pm. It's not as scary as it sounds and the children do love their adult coming to read to their class! It can be you, Grandad, Auntie etc!

WOW's:

WOW's are things that the children have achieved at home. You simply fill in the slip with their achievement (eg: getting dressed on their own, swimming badges, reading first words with you) and bring them into school so they can be celebrated together in class.

Forest School:

We are lucky to have 'Forest School' sessions straight away this term. It will be every Wednesday until half term starting the 12th September. The children will require old clothes to change into and shoes/wellies.



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Homework:

In Rainbow class there is no formal homework! However the expectation is to be reading a story every day and it being recorded in the children's reading record book. This can be a story read by an adult at bedtime or the children attempting to have a go themselves, spotting sounds/tricky words that they know as the term progresses. Do not feel that your child should be able to read right away! It is just as important to share a story with the adult reading to support language development. Please feel free to change your child's book as many times as you like in the week using the bookcase in the conservatory – there will be a separate note about reading inside your child's reading record for guidance.

What a lot of information for you! As ever if you have any questions, please do come and ask.

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

Mr Hagan & Miss Collins