

September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 and we will begin to learn our sounds, applying them in our reading and writing. We will be doing PE on a Friday with Mrs Crake 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. This should consist of a Copplestone green t shirt, black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Little Wandle Phonics:

Many of you attended a phonics workshop back in the Summer which introduced our phonics scheme 'Little Wandle'. We will begin this on the 11th September, introducing a new sound *every day*. Therefore, it is important that your child has a good attendance or they may miss the new sounds as we progress through the term.

For any help with how to say the sounds or how they are taught this is the link:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

I will be posting the sounds we learn onto Class Dojo to keep you up to date with your child's learning each week.

Reading books will begin to come home when your child is confident in recognising the sounds we have learnt as well as blending them to read words. Remember, reading is not a race! The children will be bringing home 'books of interest' from the library to share with you. It is just as important to share a story with an adult reading at home to support their language development.

Rainbow Class Welcome Meeting:

We will have a 'Welcome' meeting for all parents on Monday 18th September at 3pm. I will run through our phonics and reading again and show you how to log in to access the eBooks. Please do attend. Mrs Quelch, our class TA, will look after the reception class children during the meeting.

It was lovely to meet lots of you on the 6th September. If you do have anything else you wish to know or need, please do not hesitate to message me on Class Dojo and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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

Mr Hagan, Rainbow Class Teacher