Rainbow Room Newsletter 23-24 Term 2

Hi Everyone! We are settling back into routine following our Christmas holiday. Quite a short newsletter this time, as I think I mentioned most of the important things at the end of last term!

Curriculum – The children are learning about plants and animals this term. We have already done some flower printing, and some sorting activities with plants and animals. Later in the term when the weather is better (hopefully!) we will be taking some short walks around the local area and we will be thinking about how we can display our work in school and possibly other places, such as the library. Will let you know! Also this term the children will be given the opportunity to experience some Burns poetry, listen to their peers read some and to read it to their class, if they would like to. Not all the children will want to do this, of course.

Staffing – As we mentioned previously, we will be changing round our Learning Assistants, and this will be happening from next week. This is so that the children get chance to work with another adult, so that they don't get reliant on one person, but we only make these changes with consideration of the child, and with LAs that are already familiar from school, where possible. In some cases it will be an LA that the child has already worked with, perhaps last year. As usual we will have a handover period so that the newer LAs are up to speed with any recent targets and strategies for each child. Our PT Mrs Hooper has worked on the timetables so that we'll have fewer supply staff, meaning more consistency for the children.

Environment – Our free-flow continues to work well, giving the children access to the outdoor space and allowing them to find more areas that are calm when necessary. This week we have been enjoying the snow!

Communication – Please continue to let the school office know if there is anything urgent during the day, or if your child is absent. My email address for anything else: gw09armstrongsarah@ea.dumgal.sch.uk