

Rainbow Room Newsletter 23-24 Term 4

Hi Everyone! Here is a round up of news from the Rainbow Room for this term.

Curriculum – For our first two weeks back after the Easter holidays we have been reminding ourselves of our class values, particularly, what make a good friend and what is “kind.” We’ve also been looking at what happens in Spring. Look at some of our lovely blossom tree collages!



Other topics we will be covering this term are Buddhist festivals, magnetism and electricity and the Paris Olympics. We'll also be doing lots of practice for Sports Day later in the term.

Our afternoons are going to become a bit more structured this term. Our children who go to their mainstream classes for subjects such as maths, PE and ICT will still be doing that, but we are going to be doing more group work within the Rainbow Room, so that when the children are ready to go to their mainstream class they will have had some groupwork experience already. So we will be having group work for music, sensory stories and sensory play, food preparation and PE. PE will be on Thursdays in the Rainbow Room. This will also be helpful for when our numbers increase with our new P1 children next year, but we are all getting better at sharing space and equipment!



A mention about trips – we had some feedback from parents last year about trips. Whilst some trips were valuable, such as going to The Usual Place, it was noted that the children sometimes get more from new activities and people coming to the Rainbow Room, so that children get new experiences, but in a place where they feel comfortable. We have taken this on board, and whilst we are still having trips, for example our car treasure hunt and trips to Georgetown Library, it is my intention to have more visitors to school. More on those visits as the term progresses.



As usual, when it is coming up to the Summer holidays we think about preparing the children for holidays and staycations. If you know your plans and would like us to help with preparation in school, then let us know. For example, last year some parents suggested we help the children learn to pack a suitcase, others wanted us to role play public transport, other people asked us to share photos and research where the children's holidays were going to be. This is all life-skills work and we are happy to help with this in school, to help that transition from term time to holiday – we know that is a big change for some of our children. So, if you would like us to cover anything in particular in school, please get in touch and let me know. I will also keep my eyes open for activities happening locally in the Summer holidays and will let you know.

Staffing – From Monday 22nd April we will be having a swap around of the children's key adults, although we have managed to ensure the adults are all familiar faces, having been regulars in the Rainbow Room already. You will see the adults at drop off and pick up times and I'm sure they will be faces that you know! This ensures some consistency, but also helps the children to learn to work with other adults.

Just a reminder that sometimes we have other adults in our classroom who are visiting specialists, such as Occupational Therapists, or Speech and Language Therapists. The teachers from the mainstream classes sometimes visit the Rainbow Room to support with Curricular activities or just to get to know the children better.

Environment – We are enjoying using our new outdoor ship and picnic bench!

Something that will be changing in our environment over the coming weeks and months is the number of children we will have in the Rainbow Room. We have some new P1s coming next term, so we will be having visits from them to support their transition over the next term. We will also be having some more equipment in the room to support them, such as soft play equipment and toys.

Communication – The children seem to be enjoying looking at their Sways! Please let us know if you have any problems with it. You can still email me (gw09armstrongsarah@ea.dumgal.sch.uk) or the school office, and the school office (01387 263594) is the place to contact for absences.