



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to Rainbow Class. I hope you have had a wonderful summer break! We are very excited for your child to begin their journey in Year 1 and I am thrilled to be their new teacher. It is going to be an exciting year full of lots of learning and new adventures for your child and we cannot wait to see what the year has in store for us.

Our Class Topic

Our first topic is called 'All Aboard!' and we will be kick-starting our Year 1 journey by creating our very own adventure stories following Barnaby Bear's adventures around the world. The children have an exciting start to our topic theme this week with fun-filled creative sessions. From painting with cars, trains and planes, to completing our own version of Wacky Races. The week will really help to engage the children in the exploration of the world and the incredible transport we have available to us.

This is a wonderful topic where the children can explore the world through a range of stories, songs and rhymes. As well as develop their creative streaks through experimenting with pattern and shape by creating their own models of transport.

Dates in the Diary-Meet and Greet

In preparation for a brand new year, I will be holding a parent session on Tuesday 11th September from 9:10-9:30 to discuss what year 1 has in store for your child's learning and to answer any questions you may have. This will be a great opportunity for you to hear more about the curriculum, our reading challenge and meet the classroom adults. If you would like to attend, please could you sign on the sheet attached to the classroom door by Monday 10th September.

Home Learning

The first piece of home learning will be given out on Friday where the children will be given a small set of spellings to practice alongside a piece of maths or phonics. Please could home learning be returned by the following Friday in preparation for a new piece to be set.

Reading Books

In Year 1, reading is taught through whole class literacy sessions and phonics sessions. Children will read at least once a week with an adult in class. Children will also receive reading books to take home, which will be changed weekly and your child may need to change their reading book more frequently if needed. Please read with your child everyday as this provides a great opportunity for them to practice their segmenting and blending skills. Children will also be rewarded and encouraged through our 'Gigantic Beanstalk' challenge displayed in the classroom, for reading 3 times or more at home.

Travelling Ted

In class, we also have our very own bear, Travelling Ted. Each Friday he will choose a member of Rainbow Class to stay with over the weekend. Please feel free to encourage your child to draw or write a simple sentence about their weekend with Ted in his diary. On Mondays, his diary and adventures will be shared with Rainbow Class and we look forward to hearing all about his stay.

Pings Den

Ping's Den will continue to run alongside Year 1 this year. Mrs McInnes will continue to hold learning sessions in our nurture room as well as support Year 1.

Helpful Information

This term Mrs Bowater will be teaching Religious Education to Rainbow Class on Tuesday afternoons and will be dismissing the children at the end of the school day. If you have any questions on these days, please let Mrs Bowater know and myself or Mrs McInnes will endeavour to get back to you the following day.

Whilst the start of a new school year is always a busy one, we hope you and your child are as excited as us for a new year ahead. We enjoy any opportunities to talk with you, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Weston and Mrs McInnes

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Welcome to Rainbow Class, I hope you had a wonderful summer! I am very excited for your child to begin their journey in Year 1 and I am thrilled to be their teacher. It is going to be a fun year full of lots of learning and new adventures for your child and I cannot wait to see what the year has in store for us. Our first topic is focused around **lions** where we will be reading and sharing stories, such as Rumble in the Jungle and The Lion and the Mouse. We will be making lion masks, writing riddles, creating fact-files and baking (and eating) lion-themed biscuits! Please see the attached curriculum letter for more information.

I am holding a parent session on Thursday 8th September from 9:10-9:30 to discuss what year 1 has in store for your child's learning and to answer any questions you may have. You are warmly welcomed to attend and if you would like to come along, please let me know.

In the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Weston