



## Rainbow Woods News and Events

### Term 5

#### Dear Parents

Please see our Term 5 newsletter for all our existing and new children.

#### Topic

Each half-term, we take on a new topic as a framework for our learning.

You will receive a half-termly newsletter from Rainbow Woods Pre-School with all the details, alongside a weekly bulletin from the Main School that will appear on your class dojo app every Friday.

#### Our Term 4 Topic

The Animal Kingdom

Over our fifth term we will be learning all about different animals from farm, pets, zoo and animals that live in the jungle.

<u>Discovery</u>	<u>Exploration</u>	<u>Research</u>
<i>What animals eat meat and what animals are vegetarians? What do animals eat?</i>	<i>How do they move? What sounds do they make? How do animals look the same- compare and contrast their features. What is the difference to farm animals, pets and wild animals?</i>	<i>What animal is this? Listen to the different sounds animals make and research where they live?</i>

Our Topic covers our seven areas of learning which includes listening and creating activities around our topic and stories.

Please see your child's tapestry account for our detailed 'Termly Planning' and our 'Unit of Inquiry planner'.

#### A focus on your child's 'Well-being'

From everyday life situations, we at Rainbow Woods Pre-school have been finding ways on how we can express our emotions, support each other by talking about how we're feeling and finding ways we can help to balance our bodies.

In early years we're passionate about making sure every child has a **voice** because out of the seven areas of learning **'Communication and Language' underpins them all!**

At Rainbow Woods pre-school we are focusing on supporting the children to express themselves, to know how to regulate their emotions and manage their behaviour: we will be doing some wellbeing exercises including practicing yoga and meditation. We will be using circle time to talk about our feelings, share positive moments, and help them to build friendships. We will be incorporating mirrors into our play, so they can see their expressions, listen and see themselves talk.

There're so many simple ways we can encourage our children to communicate with us through play and we want to share this with you too. <https://www.family.co/blog/10-simple-communication-and-language-activities>

### **Nuts and Kiwi**

We do have several children in the school and in pre-school who have nut and kiwi allergies. As such we ask all parents to avoid sending in any nuts for their child's snack or lunch. We would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that Weare is a safe environment for all our pupils and pre-school children.

### **Keeping our Teeth Healthy**

As part of your child's learning through the Early Years Foundation Stage your child is taught about the importance of keeping their teeth healthy therefore in addition to our no nuts policy we kindly ask that you do not include sweets in their lunchbox either. Thank you for your cooperation.

<http://www.child-smile.org.uk/parents-and-carers/index.aspx>

Thank you to all parents who have signed their form to take part in our NHS Big Brush Club. Our pre-school and reception children will be cleaning their teeth for 2 minutes after their lunch. Each child has been given a toothbrush and will learn about how we brush our teeth using a two minute timer and watching a song that has been provided to us by the NHS At Dental Team. Please see the link if you would like to practice this at home too. This is an additional toothbrushing session and we ask that children still continue to brush their teeth at home twice a day.

<https://youtu.be/d2EOSeeFesc?si=7nsvR8xDAVAJEpbJ>

### **Parent Pay Account-School Meals**

If you have just started with us, please contact the school office on 01934 732270 to request a login for your Parent Pay account. Once you have received this you will be able to order school meals. Please see this terms menu and allergy lists.

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If you're unable to view the latest menu, the latest menu can also be viewed on your parent pay account.

We have agreed a pricing structure which will be charged at £2.40 per meal.

Booking before the deadline will enable the kitchen to order the correct quantities and provide the meal that you have selected.

### **This Term's to do's please!**

#### **Family pictures**

Please can you give us some family pictures of you and your child, so we can pop them up on our family board. This is important to them and us as it helps them talk about what makes them feel special.

#### **Show and Tell**

'Show and Tell' allows our children to be able to talk to us about something they love, a place they visited, an animal they like or something else they have found when out exploring.

This term our topic is '**The Animal Kingdom**'. They can bring in items they have found whilst out on walks, any pictures of animals they like or have visited and any stories they might want to share about places they have visited ie, a zoo, a farm or a safari?

How will this work? Because we want everyone to join in on our show and tell we will let you know when your child's day is each week. Your child will be passed the Show and Tell bag and then you can pop some items in of your child's choice into the bag and we will then pass the bag onto the next child. We had some lovely stories from last term so please support your child by talking to them

about what they would like to say. This all helps with building their confidence when they are stood with us at circle time.

**This term's 'Nursery Rhymes' songs are:**

Week 1-Walking through the jungle

Week 2-Old Mack Donald had a Farm

Week 3-Row Row Row your boat...if you see a crocodile

Week 4-Five little speckled frogs

Week 5-Five little monkeys jumping on the bed

We love to sing and use musical instruments to encourage 'Rhythm and Rhyme' so join in at home with our termly mother goose songs.

**Communicating your child's progress-Tapestry-Fill in your child's About Me page!**

For all our new children and parents, welcome and thank you for logging into your child's **Tapestry** Account. If you're still yet to do this or haven't yet been given a login code, we will send this to you as soon as your child has had time to settle with us. Once you do receive your login for Tapestry **please fill in your child's 'About Me' page!**

**Wellies and waterproofs**

Can we please ask that you bring in your child's waterproofs, so we can leave them at Pre-School. As the weather is changing daily and it's wet wet wet at the moment we do like to get muddy so need to be dry. Unless your child has a pair of wellies they like to wear we have lots to share at pre-school so no need to go out and buy more. Just their waterproofs would be great!

**Term 5 Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 22nd April**

School Returns

**Monday 12th - 15th May**

Rainbow Woods Pre-School Parents Information Evenings. Please look at the time slots available in our entrance and book a slot with your key worker.

**Monday 5th May**

Bank Holiday Monday

**Friday 23rd May**

Pre-school and School break up.

**Monday 2nd June**

Pre-School and School return.

**Contact information**

If you have any other queries relating to pre-school can you please send a message on class do jo or call us on [01934 733413](tel:01934733413).

If you have any other queries within school hours relating to school, can you please call the office on 01934 732270 or email [office@weareacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@weareacademy.co.uk)  
<https://www.weareacademy.co.uk/contact-details/>

Thank you everyone,

Kind regards

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