



NANSTALLON SCHOOL

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## RAINBOW STARS CLASS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome to Rainbow Stars Class!

The children have all settled in well this and are full of enthusiasm and energy! Their responses to our new classroom and outdoor area have been brilliant and they are becoming incredibly creative and independent. They chose the name of the class after a very democratic vote!

We operate a child-led rather than termly topic led curriculum. This means that:

- we will be following the children's interests;
- linking curriculum objectives to what the children would like to learn.

The new environment has been set up to enable the children to achieve great results in all areas of both the EYFS and Year 1 areas of learning. The children will take part in daily continuous provision (activities which are always available to them) which will be enhanced with extra learning opportunities and challenges when appropriate.

In addition to this, children will take part in daily phonics sessions and throughout the week will also do guided, teacher-initiated Maths and English sessions.

### Reading:

Children will bring individual reading books home along with high frequency words. Please read with them at home each day and write in their reading journal. Once they have read their book they will get the chance to choose another book from their colour band. At this early stage it is so important school and home encourage a love of reading, so children might

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sometimes bring a book home that they have already read. If they do this, it is because they enjoyed that book and would like to read it again!

We operate a system whereby children move up to the next colour band as soon as they are ready, so do not need to read every book in the band before we move them on. Within class, we do not regularly hear children read on an individual basis as the teacher-led sessions are through Guided Reading or Book Talk. Book bags need to be in school every day.

#### Indoor and Outdoor Learning:

Our new outdoor environment means that our children go outside in all weathers. They are all provided with a waterproof suit but still need to bring a waterproof coat and wellies. Please provide a pair of labelled wellies that can be left in school at all times. Forest School will take place each Tuesday afternoon. We're going to ask the children to choose a name for our new Forest School.

P.E. will be on Thursday with Go Active, so please ensure PE kits are in school. Please also remember that earrings should not be worn on a PE day and long hair should be tied back.

#### Tapestry:

Please read and complete the attached Tapestry letter. Your contributions to this are most important. Year 1 will continue their Tapestry journey, this time linked to Y1 learning objectives.

#### Health and wellbeing:

All children now have a Nanstallon water bottle which is kept in school, washed each evening and re-filled with water the next day. They therefore no longer need to bring a water bottle to school. Fruit snack is also provided in our "Snack Café" in class, free of charge, so they do not need to bring their own snack.

We are pleased that the children have settled in so well. If you have any queries or concerns, please speak to a member of staff. We are always available at 8.45 and would be pleased to discuss any questions you might have. Thank you for your support and we're looking forward to a great year!

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Brown and the Rainbow Stars Class Team.