



Rainbow Valley Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2018.

Rainbow Valley Nursery wishes everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year. All the best to our amazing parents and their families, here's hoping you have managed to keep your new year resolutions.



Our fantastic Christmas Concert – Well done to our amazing staff and children.

What a performance!



A well-deserved movie and popcorn for our children on the run up to the Christmas Holidays



Thank you for returning our comments sheet. We use these to help us look at how we are performing and to help improve
Thank you



The Whole Nursery has enjoyed our fun filled month of December - We participated in Baby Massage



Singalongs with Karaoke, Sensory Play, Social Skills, Physical Development, Memory Skills and so much more in line with the EYFS Curriculum



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WINTER CAMP DATES - 24TH DEC - 4TH JAN

7th Jan - First day of Spring Term

18th Jan - Pyjama Party - Children to come in their pj's

24th Jan - International Day - Children to wear their own traditional dress

28th Jan - Stargazers and Cloudriders- Sports Day

29th Jan - Moonwalkers and Sunshiners - Sports Day

Our children have been spending time with their new teacher to ensure or even help them to settle in as quickly and easily as possible. The children loved it and are looking forward to the new term.



MOONWALKERS CHILDREN SETTLING INTO CLOUDRIDERS



SPRING TERM STARTS ON THE 7TH JANUARY 2018

We will start the Spring term with our new topics from the EYFS Curriculum:

January will be: Colours and Space

February will be: Growth, Plants and Animals



An example of EYFS planning

<p>Physical Development Make moon dough with flour, baby oil and a little black food colouring to make a grey moon surface. Add little "Safety Food" space figures, toy rockets and Aliens. Walk around like a Spaceman on the moon, pretend that there is no gravity. Make paper mache planets, paint and hang from the ceiling. Space playdough, blue or black with glitter and add space themed cutters.</p>	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional What would it feel like to be in space? Who would we want to take with us? Have we ever stayed away from home? If so where did you go? What did you do there? Do we think the Astronauts miss their families while they are away? Who would we miss if we were in space?</p>	<p>Communication and Language New Language: Planets, space, Astronaut, Galaxies, Asteroids, meteors and comets. Talk about what we know about space. Ask the children and families to look at 4 stars at night and then come and share what they saw in circle time. Look at constellations and make your own using black paper, gold star stickers and white chalk to draw them out. Can the children find any of them when they star gaze?</p>
<p>Read books about space and Aliens such as... Aliens from Underpants, Q Pootle 5, Whatever next. Make a "Space Passport" and write the names of planets visited, your name, add a photo. Write our names on Rocket shaped paper and then cut so that there is a letter on each piece, put the rockets back together to spell the names. Make and laminate Space "Key words" and see if children can teach boys to the words.</p>	<p>Write numbers 1-10 on them. Ask the children to add the corresponding number of stars to each square. Count down a Rocket launch from 10 to 0. Make playdough Aliens and count how many arms, legs and eyes they might have. Sing "5 little men in a flying spaceship"</p>	<p>Theme: <i>Space</i></p> <p>Look at the planets in books, on YouTube, space DVD's. Watch Rocket launches online. Talk about each planet and the climate. Are any planets like Earth? Pretend to take a trip to space. Make a "Space passport" and think about all the things you might see. How do Astronauts eat? Make space food by blending your cereal, popping it in a plastic sealable food bag and cutting off corner to sack out the meat. Can you breathe in space? What is gravity? Understand the world</p>
<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>Expressive Art & Design</p>

Planning as always is available on your child's classroom door, also from 7th January 2018, weekly planning will be emailed to all parents on a Sunday morning.

Your child's routine for each day is also available on their classroom door and will be emailed to parents at the beginning of the term.

Please note that planning and routines are just a guide and can be subject to change at short notice

Thank you for your responses to our parent questionnaire, Ms Sandra is processing the information and working on some improvements.

From the 7th January 2018 it will compulsory the children in Stargazers and Cloudriders to wear Rainbow Valley Nursery uniform.



if you haven't already purchased uniform you can do so from Ms Emma in reception - Thank you,

All the best for 2018 from all the staff at Rainbow Valley Nursery

