



**Rainbow Class Newsletter**  
**Term 3 – January 2018**

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and would like to thank you for your lovely gifts and treats. They were very much appreciated. This term the theme will be animals from cold and hot countries. You can see from the planning topic web attached the things we hope to cover.

Now that we are well on our way with letter formation and handwriting, the homework tasks will begin to include some maths and fact finding.

**Show and Tell** - Toys are still slipping in during the week and sometimes come in pockets. I know some children are being searched in the mornings so thank you. Remember things like leaves, feathers, old artefacts from grandparents, photographs of special things/events/visits are all welcome.

**Birthdays**

The birthday we will be celebrating in January is for Nevaeh

The birthdays we will be celebrating in February are for Alfie, Dolunay and Millie.



**PE** - There are a handful of children who are still not bringing kit into school we started PE again last week and all children should be changing for the lesson. If there are any problems, please do not hesitate to talk to me so we can get something sorted out to help. Please can you ensure that the children's plimsolls have their names in them? We are losing an odd shoe here and there and with no names it impossible to get 31 pairs to the right owner.

**Literacy** – Phonics is going well and I have completed another assessments. All the children are making good progress. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read daily. It only takes 5-10 minutes and has huge benefits; for you to see how they are progressing and for the children to see how proud of them you are. It is also important for you to write in the yellow reading log so I can see they have read at home and now we are starting to listen to them in school as well as during their phonics lesson.

This term we are also looking at the differences between fiction books and non fiction books. If you have some books to share with the children at home, that would be great. If not a trip to the library might be a treat.

**Numeracy** - We will continue practising counting from 0-20, finding the missing numbers and sequencing them. We will also be moving on to adding and subtracting up to 20, finding one more and one less than a given number. We will also be looking at money. Possible activities: letting the children look at the coins in your purse or in their money boxes, letting them pay for things at the shops, ask the children to spot mistakes when you count to 10 or 20, ask the children what number comes next and practising writing the numerals to 20.

**Book Bags – IMPORTANT** – Thank you for leaving everything in the children's book bags. We have only had a few times when things have not been there for us to replenish or change. Please continue to make sure everything is in their bags and please empty the bags of their creations and leaflets. Some bags are getting heavy!

Carrier Bags – We would like the children to have a named carrier bag in their book bag so that we can send home their art work weekly. Once you have emptied the bag please put it back in their book bag for the following week.

Dropping off and picking up – We appreciate it is exciting for the children and their siblings to meet up with each other at the beginning and the end of the day in an outdoor area of toys and other resources but it would be much appreciated if the children did not play or disturb the activities we have put out. It does affect the flow of the day if we have to reset things or if things get taken home to borrow for a while. We will cover a majority of the activities so they can resist temptation. Also please do not allow the children to climb on top of the train as it is a health and safety issue and the children are not allowed to do it during school time.

Please could we have:

- ❖ Any old landline telephones or old mobiles.
- ❖ Any odd rolls of wallpaper.
- ❖ Any toy cars from older siblings/cousins are always welcome
- ❖ Any jars with lids to make snow globes

Thank you in advance

Have you checked out the Hawkhurst Church of England Website? It has been updated and each class has its own page where we add photos and explanations of special things that have happened. I try to put photos on weekly or fortnightly so you can keep up with what your children have been doing. This may help you when you ask what they have been doing and they say nothing!