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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 1 2019

Welcome to the start of the Spring Term. This term we will be introducing our Rainbow Challenges to the children. The purpose of these are to promote independence in learning choices during free-flow.

Children can complete Challenges and earn a coloured lolly stick for their Rainbow. By the end of the week the aim is to complete the Rainbow and receive a Rainbow reward sticker

Colour Challenges:

Orange - Creative Challenges

Red - Mathematical Challenges

Yellow - Understanding the world Challenges

Green - Literacy Challenges

Blue - Phonic Challenges

Please support your child with their learning choices at home by enquiring about their progress towards the rainbow and encourage them to share the learning they have taken part in to achieve each colour.

In Letters and Sounds we are introducing Phase 3 sounds using Big Cat Phonics. These sounds include the last few letters of the Alphabet: J, V, W, X, Y and Z and continues to introduce digraphs (2 letters which make one sound) and Trigraphs (3 letters which make one sound). As children are developing their phonic skills, they need as many opportunities to apply the sounds they have been learning as possible outside of their discrete phonics sessions. Please remember to initial your child's reading record each time you hear them read at home.

In Maths we are developing our understanding of measure. We will be providing lots of opportunities for children to practise, develop and use everyday language to talk about size, weight and capacity. It is important for children to develop their use of the language of comparison e.g. taller, shorter, heavier, lighter etc.

You can support your child at home with this through activities such as weighing ingredients for cooking, measuring and charting the height of family members and making comparisons, talking about the weather and using a thermometer to compare temperatures indoors and outdoors.

Show and Tell: Fridays as follows;

Sandown - 4th January

Hampton -11th January

Ember - 18th January

Claremont - 25th January

Thereafter the houses for show and tell on Fridays will be rotated in this order.

How you can help

We are working on developing our outside learning environment and are looking for natural resources such as sawn off tree trunks, woodchip, bark and shingle/pebbles.

If you or anyone you know has access to any of the above that could be donated to the school, we would be extremely grateful.

If you are having a clear out of old toys, the Reception and Nursery would welcome any "small world" toys such as pirates, knights, dolls, fairies etc. The children enjoy using playdough in class and we would like to teach them how to make it with us. We would be grateful for any donations of food colouring for this purpose.

If you would like to contact us, please feel free to e-mail the school office: info@cranmere.surrey.sch.uk who will forward the message to us.