



WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Nursery 5 May 2014

Welcome back! I hope you all have had a wonderful, restful break!

Messages

- **Book Fair**

Mark the dates in your diary! Our annual Book Fair is coming on 8, 9 and 10 May (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). There will be a great selection of books available for all ages. More details will follow after the break.

- The weather is starting to warm up and we do not want anyone getting burned in the sun. Please ensure you put sun cream on your child before school and send them with a cap.

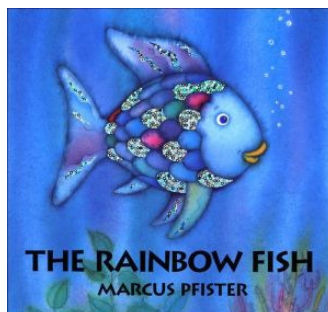
- **Indoor shoes** – Over the next term we would like to phase in all children having separate indoor shoes for school. We kindly ask that all parents provide their children with a change of shoes for indoor play, these can be kept in their cubbies and put on once at school. Children will then change into their outdoor shoes for outdoor play. Providing your children with a pair of comfortable slip-on (with back) indoor shoes helps to keep our Cubs area cleaner whilst ensuring your child's comfort and safety.



- Please remember that all shoes, indoor and outdoor must be appropriate, we have had a few incidents this week with children wearing flip flops and being unable to use the outdoor equipment.
- Wednesday 21st May we will be visiting the Aquarium, you will soon receive a letter with details.

Learning Theme of the week – The Rainbow Fish.

We are starting a new theme of The Rainbow Fish this week. This is a lovely story that will really make the children think about sharing, being kind, and how our actions can affect others.



Mathematics

This week we will be playing a variety of mathematical games where children will be learning to count and recognise numerals, as well as recognising numbers on a dice.

Vocabulary: Count, numbers, how many, one more, two more, dice.



Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will have a big focus on thinking about feelings, sharing and turn taking. We will be also be encouraging children to describe themselves and each other in positive terms and identifying the things that they are good at. We will be looking at facial expressions, talk about how people are feeling and how our actions affect others.

Vocabulary: Help, kind, share, friendly, feelings, happy, good at

Expressive Art

Children will be decorating a scale to create a large collaborative rainbow fish, they will be using a range of media in a single colour of the rainbow.

Vocabulary colour, rainbow, line, draw, shape, texture, pencil crayon, wax crayon, watercolour, felt tip pen.

Literacy

Our main focus will be the Rainbow Fish book. We will be reading the story with the children and thinking about how the Rainbow Fish didn't want to give away his scales, but in the end he realized that by sharing with the other fish and everyone having one scale each he was much happier. We will be continuing to read a range of books with the children as well as looking at the children's individual reading books and we will continue to encourage children to practice writing their names.

Vocabulary, Book, story, rainbow fish, share, scale, friend, lonely, happy

Understanding the World

We will be looking at all the sea creatures that feature in the Rainbow fish story and we will continue with this in the lead up to the trip to aquarium.

Vocabulary: Fish, seahorse, octopus, ocean, seaweed, shell, crabs, shark

Mandarin

We are going to talk about vegetables next week, including tomato potato cucumber broccoli carrot pumpkin. We will learn a new song about vegetables. Children will make a carrot with different resources as well.

Best wishes,

key words: tomato(fan xie) potato(tu dou) cucumber(huang gua) broccoli(hua cai) pumpkin(nan gua)

Dutch

Deze week hebben we nog even rond het thema 'groeien en bloeien' gewerkt. We hebben gerijmd en bloemen geverfd.

We hebben een gedanst op het liedje "Er zitten bolletjes in de grond". Fijne dagen gewenst.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

The Nursery Team.