



## Rainbow class curriculum letter.

Hi everyone,

It is lovely being in our new classroom, we have so much more space and direct access to the outside play area which we will be utilising. I will introduce you to the team ; Cath Debb Louise Julie Abbey and Wendy. We also have a new boy starting with us Kareem.

So our work theme this term is "Houses, where I live and my journey to school".

Here is a quick summary of how our timetable will work and I will send you individual timetables attached to your child's diary next week.

**English** We will have individual work sessions for each child daily working on their targets within their IEPs. Phonics and early reading skills will also be taught daily. Our children love stories and we will incorporate weekly story sessions which can become sensory stories for them to explore all aspects of the text and content of the books. Some of the stories we have chosen are "Going on a bear hunt" "Handas surprise" "Brown bear brown bear what can you see?" and "The jolly postman".

**Maths** We will have individual work sessions for each child daily working on their numeracy targets within their IEPs. We will, as part of our theme, look at numbers in the environment. We will also be exploring shapes and learning about labelling shapes, patterns and looking for shapes in the environment.

**Science** Our first week in September is ECO week. We will explore packaging and rubbish and create our own collages and class rubbish dinosaur. We will also have fun with magnets and explore how they work.

We will listen to the sounds in the environment and try to match and label them. Our work will also include categorising and sorting furniture for our own design of houses. We will also explore which appliances in our house use electricity and

search for electrical appliances around school. We will also look at how to keep safe in our houses and around school.

**Geography** Thank you so much for those of you who have sent photos of the children's houses. It really helps us personalise our work. We will be learning about where we live and our address. We will also look at the amenities and different buildings around us at Newbold and finding the children's favourite shops. Recognising shop labels and logos all helps us with our reading and I bet most of our children can recognise the large yellow M symbol for MacDonalDs!

We will also create our own simple maps and look and learn about features in the journey we take to school.

**Art** We will have plenty opportunity to practice our own creative free paintings and drawings. We will look at different methods of printing and find ways to draw or paint simple shapes to create a house. We will also introduce an artist for this half term "Lowrie" and look at his pictures of buildings and houses.

**Music** Rainbow class will be learning the "Gonna build a house" song and actions. As well as having some listening games using different simple class instruments.

**P.E.** PE will continue to be on a Monday morning. We will focus on basic movements and simple games. Please send in a PE kit labelled with named shorts Tee shirt and pumps. Thank you. We will also have weekly SAQ sessions where we will be integrated with the other children in the Unit.

The third week we will have a Harvest week. Here we will explore different fruit and vegetables and learn about where our food comes from or how it grows. We will also attempt our own cooking session creating pizzas and pasta for you all to enjoy.

We will continue for the first weeks to use tapestry to communicate and share photos but will be changing to a new system details to follow. Please keep chatting to us through this and the diaries.

Forest school will be every other Thursday afternoon so I ask can you send in wellies and some casual clothes if the weather turns very wet.

Parents evening will be the last week of half term and I will send out time slots and invites nearer the time.

I am really looking forward to getting to know your wonderful children better and working with them. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or pop and see me. Yours Cath and the Rainbow team.

