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Messages from the office...

As some may know the World Cycle Races are heading our way at the end of September. The information we have at the moment is a little patchy but it looks like on FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER around 10am and again at 3.30pm the race will be passing by our gates. There will be rolling road closures during the event that may affect your ability to access Rainbow. We will pass on any further information given to us via Tapestry, but please keep an eye out for road signs as to how your journey may be affected.

We will be taking the Preschool children on to the grass at the front of the nursery to watch the cyclist go by, you have previously signed to give permission for your child to leave site therefore we will not be asking you to sign any further permissions for this. However if you would prefer that your child did not leave nursery grounds then please let Miss Hutton the preschool manager know.

- Please can we just remind parents not to leave older siblings in the playgrounds whilst you are picking up their brother/sister from nursery.

- If your child is leaving us this term, please know we can provide you access to Tapestry to download your child's learning journey, so the memories and pictures are with you forever. Please email your child's manager or harriet@rainbownursery.info and we can arrange this for you.

- We have reminded the practitioners to check you take your child's belongings with you at the end of a session. If you do forgot something there is a manager on site until 6.00pm. Please telephone the nursery regarding any left items that need an emergency collection. After 6.00pm the nursery site is closed with only maintenance staff on site who are not in a position to allow anyone into the buildings. Thank you for your understanding.

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We would like to say 'Good Luck' to all of the preschool children who are leaving us to go to 'big school'. We hope that you all come back and visit us.

- **Junk Modelling**
  We are in need of recyclable items for our Junk Modelling activities within preschool. Junk modelling is beneficial for children development and creative skills. Examples that you could bring - empty cereal boxes, other cardboard packaging, kitchen rolls, plastic packaging, plastic bottles

Summer 2019 Achievements and Autumn 2019 Development Goals

As you are all aware we changed the planning system for the children's learning back in May 2019. We have gathered feedback from the practitioners working with your children, and they feel the new style planning is making a real difference to the children's learning at nursery and we are beginning to see this reflected in the our 'tracking' of children's development.

The managers will be sitting with the nursery practitioners over the next couple of weeks and discussing the development of their key children. We will then create a report, which you will receive via Tapestry, informing you of your child's current stage of development in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), and information of their Autumn Term Development Goals. You will only be able to access the report through the browser version of Tapestry. If you need any assistance accessing this please email lisa@rainbownursery.info. There is space for you to make a comment on the bottom of the report if you would like to.

Who to contact?

- **Katie Gordon (Office Manager)** - Invoice Queries, Extras, Funding, New Starters etc - katie@rainbownursery.info
- **Lisa Watson (Nursery Manager/Acting Day Nursery Manager)** - Extras, changes of booking patterns, new starters, tapestry queries, children's development queries - lisa@rainbownursery.info
- **Holly Craven (Baby Nursery Manager)** - Tapestry queries, children's development queries, questions regarding Baby Nursery holly@rainbownursery.info
- **Kelly Hutton (Preschool Manager)** - Tapestry queries, children's development queries, questions regarding preschool kelly@rainbownursery.info
- **Stephanie Elcock (Junior Club Manager)** - Junior Club bookings, Junior Club changes of booking patterns, New starters in Junior Club, Junior Club queries s.elcock@rainbownursery.info

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Dates for your diary

September

Monday 2nd September - Teacher training day
Back to School - Tuesday 3rd September

October

Halloween Fancy Dress - Every day w/c 28th October
Half term holidays - 28th October - 1st November

December

Christmas events - more details TBC next month
Preschool Nativity - 3rd, 4th and 5th December
Preschool Christmas Party - 19th December
Day Nursery Christmas Crafts - 11th and 12th December
Baby Nursery Stay and Plays - 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th December
Junior Club Christmas Party - 18th December

Early Years Free Entitlement, three and four year old funding:

If you have any last minute funding changes please tell us now as the window for Autumn Term is about to close.
For those with extended funding please remember you need to renew your code every 3 months with HMRC.
Once the Autumn Term funding has closed, we will start with Spring Term 2020 - so get ready to get applying.

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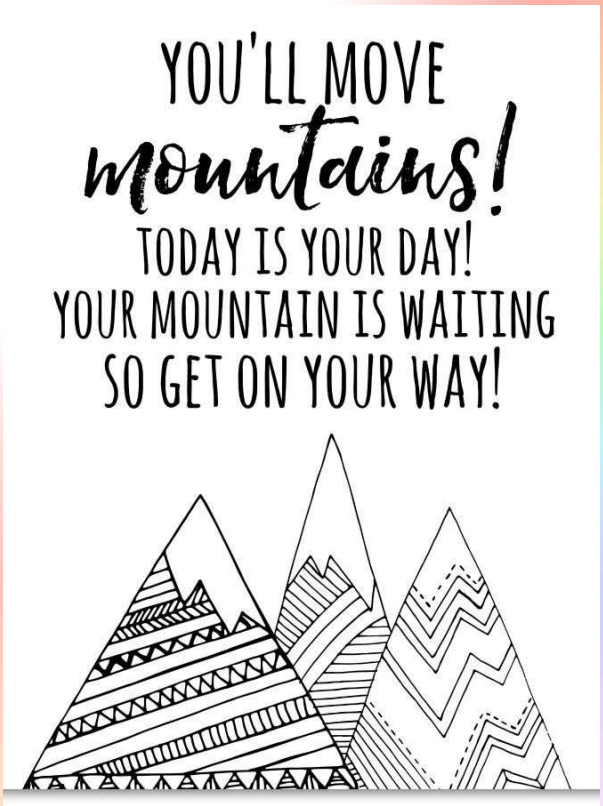
Baby Nursery News...

We have lots of exciting news to share with you from Baby Nursery this month··· but first...



We would like to say a warm welcome to all of our new families that have joined us over the Summer Term. We have loved getting to meet you all!

With that, we also say a big goodbye to all of our little ones that are transitioning to Day Nursery! If you have any questions regarding the transition process, please speak to your child's key person or Miss Craven (Baby Nursery Manager)

Finally, a big thank you to all our families who have provided lovely feedback from The Teddy bears Picnic. This feedback means we can continue improving our Summer events! It's not too late, as a nursery we are always looking to continually improve; if you still have any feedback or suggestions regarding the Summer Event 2019, please email holly@rainbownursery.info or pop a comment on our parent feedback cards located in the entrance to Baby Nursery or the entrance to Orange room.

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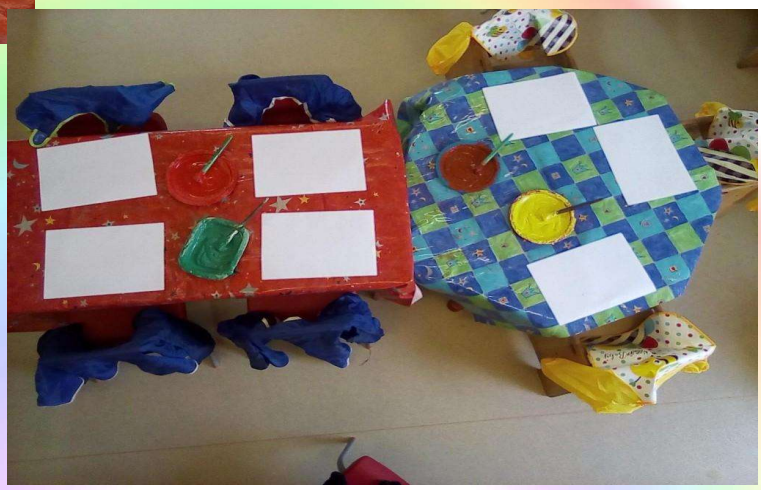
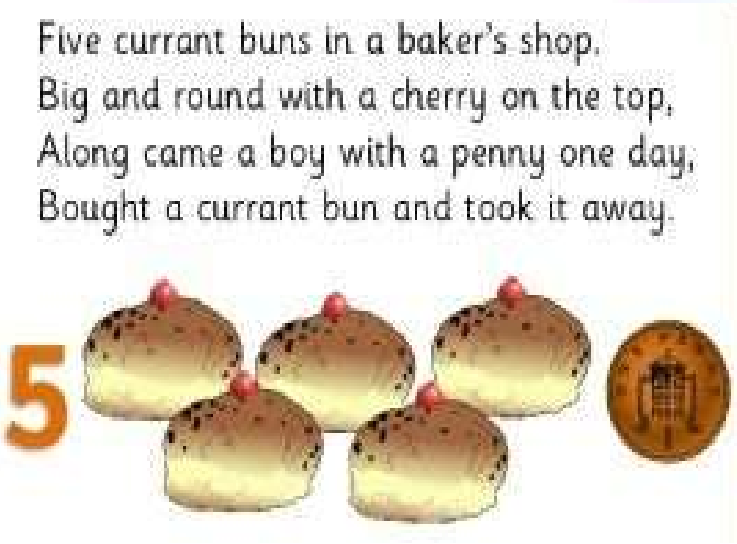
Red Room News...

Over the last few weeks in Red room, the children have been getting very messy and exploring different ways to make marks.



The children have been practicing holding pencils, chalks, crayons and paint brushes. They have been dabbing and dotting and rubbing and splatting paint in social group activities and in one to one sessions.

Red room children have also been showing a strong interest in stories and songs! Some children are just beginning to move to music and enjoy wiggling along to the beat. Other have taken the next step and have been joining in with action such as holding the pennies in 5 Currant Buns. A few of our older children have been using their words to join in and even requesting their favorite songs!



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Blue Room News...

Over the last few weeks we have been using out fine motor and gross motor skills to explore different types of transportation. We enjoyed making pictures using paint and different cars, trains and tractors to mark make using the wheel marks.

We have also been doing lots of activities following our interest in different animals, from using our communication skills to name the animals and make lots of noises, to using our number skills when counting them. As we have been talking about the noises the animals make we have introduced them in our other emerging interest: Role play activities!

We have been doing lots of role play using the dolls, phones and shopping bags, pretending to go shopping, using the pots and pans to make food and talking to mummies and daddies on the phones.

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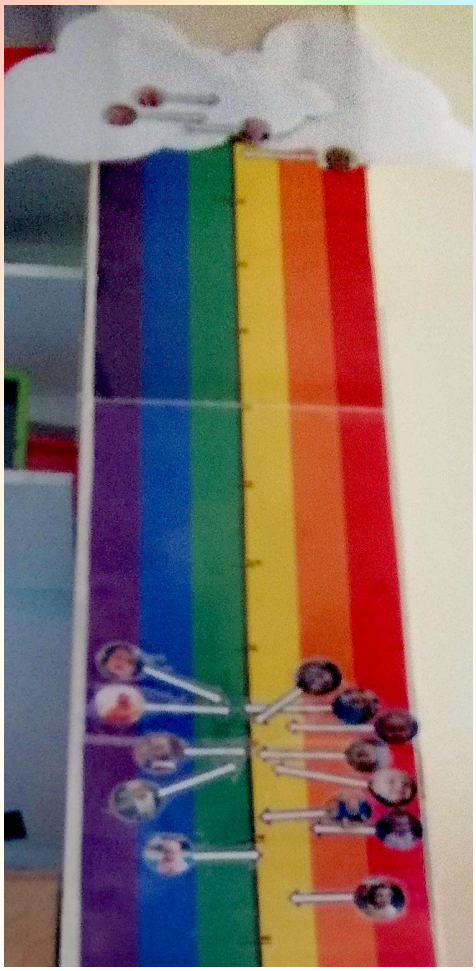
Purple Room News...

Over the last term the children have been showing an interest in dolls and babies. They have also begun to notice and communicate about their family photos!

Following this interest, we have been looking at how we have grown up from babies by using our baby photos from home and comparing them to our reflections in the mirror and our pictures from now! This helps to support the children's growing understanding of things existing out of sight.



The children have then been putting their mark making skills to the test and painting using their hands and feet, some of our older children have been using the language of size such as 'big' and 'little'.

We followed this interest and created a rainbow height chart which the children have enjoyed pointing out their friends faces on and finding their own pictures next to their height!

Finally we too this interest outdoors and have been drawing and making marks with the chalks. The practitioners drew around the children and supported them to make marks in different ways with some children noticing a 'baby' sized outline and a 'big' outline!

Miss Rutter even had a go!

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Orange Room News...

Over the last few weeks the children have been showing an interest in sensory play! We begun by making the room dark and introducing the children to different types of sensory lights, from batons to fiber optics to a light board. We had lots of fun dancing to music and controlling our gross motor skills to make patterns whilst shaking the lights. Some of us even figured out how to use our fine motor skills to turn the switches on and off!

We followed up this interest with activities such as creating coloured tunnels for the children to experiment with movement play and hanging up sensory bags full of different colour paint. This stimulated lots of babbling and use of words in the children's play!

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Day Nursery News...

What a fun filled month we have had …

We started off August by celebrating 'Yorkshire Day'. We talked about all of the places we like to visit and of course made and tasted our very own Yorkshire Puds! The children made Yorkshire rose collages to take home too.

It's almost time to say goodbye to all of the children that have recently been transitioning to Pre-School. They have been thoroughly enjoying their visits to Starlights but it's fair to say we will miss them all a great deal and wish them the best of luck with their journey to Pre-School. If you have an questions about Starlights or Pre-School please don't hesitate to contact Miss Hutton, Pre-School Manager (kelly@rainbownursery.info)

Day Nursery One...

We really have made the most of the sunshine this month, exploring a range of activities outdoors that included creating a cous cous tea party, searching for a friendly bear in the maze and using our physical skills on the cars and bikes.

After all the fun we'd had outside we also brought in some pears we had found on the grass and decided to do some printing with them. It was very tempting not to eat them but once they were covered in paint they made some wonderful marks on our pieces of paper.

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Day Nursery News...

Day Nursery Two...

Throughout the month Day Nursery Two have taken part in lots of exciting activities based around the theme of 'People Who Help Us!' We have learned about important people such as Police Officers, Firefighters, Doctors, Nurses and Army Soldiers. Using our role play skills we enjoyed dressing up as Police Officers after making 'Police Hats' and chasing after 'baddies!'

As well as spending lots of time learning about the people who help us, Day Nursery Two have been putting their malleable skills to the test when experimenting with playdough. The children decided they would like green playdough and with a little help from the ladies, were able to roll out the pieces to make lots of different interesting shapes and models!

Coming up in Day Nursery in September ...

Throughout September Day Nursery will be looking at exploring learning in different environments. We will be creating spaces, big and small, by making our very own dens. Using resources such as blankets, sheets, boxes and pegs the children will be encouraged to not only use both gross and fine motor skills, but also build upon their problem solving skills to create some wonderful dens. We can't wait to share our creations with you!

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Preschool News...

Snowflakes ....

It's been a transportation kind of month in Snowflakes. The children have investigated places in the world they could visit and how they might get there.

Boats have been a firm favourite. The children created their very own big boat to sail to various countries in.

Smaller boats were made using colouring, cutting and sticking skills. The children noticed lots of shapes such as semi circles and triangles for the sails!

Snowflakes also discussed where you might sleep when you are holiday.

They had their very own tent to sleep in and even went fishing counting how many fish they had caught!

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Sunbeams ...

Sunbeams have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about people who help us in the community.

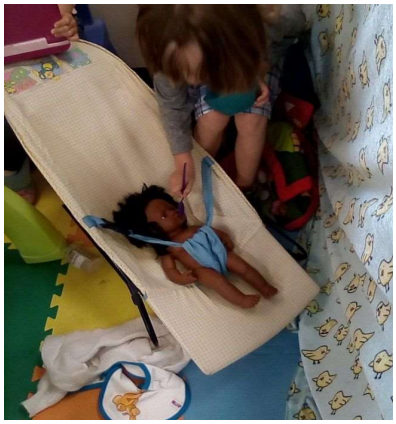
They began the month being doctors, nurses and paramedics. Some children remembered their First Aid skills from our First Aid classes back in April.

Next were Police Officers, Sunbeams thoroughly enjoyed making their own fingerprints, good fun and lot's of mess!

The Vets Practice opened up to help lot's of poorly animals from dogs, cats, cows to turtles!

Sunbeams ended the month being Firefighters, putting out fires and rescuing people!

Sunbeams took on the role of being Health Visitors. They took great care of the babies weighing, measuring, bathing, changing nappies and feeding them!



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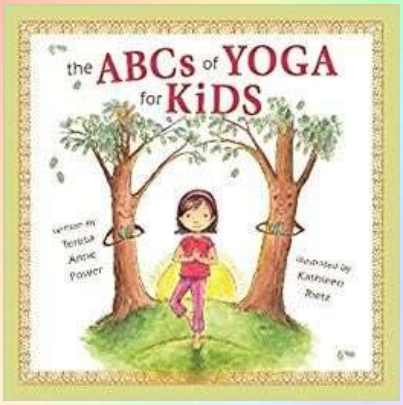
Coming up in September…

STARLIGHTS!

We are very excited to welcome Miss Lightowler and our new children from Day Nursery who are joining Starlights class. We hope you have lots of fun in Preschool! The children will be learning all about Preschool life and the 5 Golden Rules of Preschool!



YOGA!

After a summer break we will be resuming our weekly Yoga sessions. The children will learn breathing techniques balancing and holding their bodies in various positions such as the Waterfall and the Grasshopper!

ANIMAL ANTICS!

During September Sunbeams will be discussing all types of animals from family pets, jungle animals, farm animals to woodland animals!

CHANGES!

Snowflakes will be exploring the upcoming change of season. Picking fruit from the nursery orchard and bringing the outdoor environment inside.

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Junior Club & Holiday Club News…

Wow.. what an action packed, busy, fun filled August everyone at Holiday Club has had! We've done so much this Summer and taken sooooo many photos to capture the memories, this is just a snapshot of the fun we have had and the activities we have done because if we put everything in here Junior Club would need a newsletter of its own.

This Summer we have celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the moon landing with a day at the Science and Media Museum in Bradford. We have been to Tropical World when it was our animals week, the children particularly enjoyed the meerkats and the monkeys. Lotherton Hall was also a huge success. One week they all became budding artists for the day when they visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park with their personalised sketchbook and pencils at the ready. We finished the holidays off with a lovely trip to Filey beach

We've been artists, we've been Sculpturists, we've been Astronauts, we've been witches,we've been wizards and that's just to name a few.

Our still life drawing session was a huge success, the children all picked the fruit and foliage from the nursery grounds which they used for the displays everyone took part, creating some wonderful artwork.

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Over the summer we have also spent time tapping into our creative and crafty minds, we've changed our display boards to coincide with the weekly themes we had over the summer, so we have some fantastic aboriginal art, summer print pictures and wonderful planets.

The weather has also been very kind to us this month, meaning we have had lots of outside play taking advantage of the sunshine. Holiday club have enjoyed taking the inside outside, exploring the top field for treasures, games of football and cricket have been very popular this summer too.

Our marvellous mythology week proved a very popular week, with the children searching far and wide for the perfect stick to become their "wand" these were as you can see decorated in true Junior Club style, glitter galore! Spells where written this week as was potions created, it was truly magical!

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Junior Club & Holiday Club News…

Feedback

Here in Junior Club we always welcome feedback from our parents and children, as we are always striving to and looking at ways to develop our services and ensure the children have the best time possible whilst in our care. In the next month a feedback survey will be coming out to all parents/carers and it would be greatly appreciated if you could spare a few moments of your time to complete this.

In the meantime if you have any comments/feedback please do not hesitate to get in touch with Miss Elcock Junior Club Manager via email at s.elcock@rainbownursery.info

Just a reminder…

If your child is not attending a Junior Club session before or after school and they do not require a minibus to take them or collect them from school, can we ask that parents please contact the nursery to let us know. This can either be done by telephone or by email and no later than 2.30pm for the after school session. Failure in letting us know will mean we will collect your child from school and bring them back to Junior Club. So please ensure we know of any after school clubs and cancellations.

Coming up in September….

8th September: International Literacy Day, we will be celebrating our favourite authors and our favorite books.
13th September: Following on from the literacy theme it is Roald Dahl day so we will be having a fun filled Friday afternoon of crafts and Roald Dahl activities.
19th September: Ahoy there Matey! Its Pirate day so we have lots of Pirate themed fun after a busy day at school.
22nd September: First Day of Autumn, we will be looking at the changes to the seasons.