



## **Delightful Dragons**

This term we are using the theme of 'Over The Rainbow' to introduce your child to different areas of learning. Each week we will be introducing different mini themes: 'Come to The Circus', 'Rain and Storm', 'Rainbows', 'Splash and Splish' and 'Colours'. We will be looking at a variety of stories which include: The Greatest Show on Earth, Elmer, The Rainbow Fish, The Big Red Bath, Mrs Wishy Washy and The Day the Crayons Quit.

The theme will include opportunities to look at: Weather maps, balloon experiments, designing and making a pizza face, designing and making a fish puppet, creating splatter paint pictures, colour mixing, looking at the drip technique by the artist Jackson Pollock, painting a rainbow, as well as using the I-Pads to create patterns.

During the term, we will also be celebrating Christmas and taking part in lots of fun activities.

### **Role-Play Area**

Our role-play area this term will be: 'Rainbow House' and 'Santa's Workshop'.

### **Reading Books - Story Sacks**

We will continue to change story sacks and reading books on a Monday. Please don't forget to return them to school on a Friday.

### **Delightful Dragon Challenge**

Please see the attached Delightful Dragon Challenge letter.

### **Forest Schools**

Please see the attached Forest Schools letter to remind you of your Child's week.

### **Google Classroom**

The children have great fun looking at 'Google Classroom' during our virtual 'Show and Tell'. Please don't forget that you can put 'Wow Moments' on there, as well as 'Delightful Dragon Challenges'.

Mrs Baker



**If you would like to follow the theme of 'Over The Rainbow' at home, here are a few ideas to try!**

### **Talking and Listening**

- Play a game in which you sit at either side of a table with a large book propped between you to act as a screen. Draw a simple shape or pattern on a piece of paper, for example a red circle with a purple spot on it and then describe your drawing. Can your child copy it from your instructions? When both players are familiar with the idea, change places and let your child be the instructor.

### **Stories and Songs**

- Visit your local library to look for stories and information books.
- Make up a story using as many colours as you can.

### **Making**

- Make rainbow jelly.
- Use coloured tissue paper, shiny foil and coloured sticky squares to make giant butterflies. Can your child make the wings symmetrical?
- Paint a rainbow.

### **In the Home**

- Make a clown pizza! Cover a bought pizza with tomato paste. Decorate with triangular slices of tomato or pineapple, squares of cheese, rings of green pepper and oblongs of ham.
- Trim the curved end from ice cream cones. Use a chocolate covered marshmallow cake to make a head and fix the cone shapes to the top using icing. Add faces with round jelly sweet eyes, a red chocolate bean nose and an icing or jelly bean smile. Add jelly sweets to the hat. How many different colours have you used?
- Encourage your child to help sort the washing into colour piles. Talk about the different shades of the same colour.

### **Out and About**

- As you walk in the streets, gardens or parks, draw your child's attention to any colours you come across. Encourage them to look at the shape and colour of windows and doors.

