

# Autumn Letter to our Foundation Parents



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We warmly welcome you to Raglan Primary School and to our Foundation Stage. It has been lovely meeting many of you at the gate in the mornings and afternoons, getting to know both you and your child over the past week. We would just like to remind you that if you do need to chat to us or ask a question, please do always come and see us. Below is a little reminder of our team here at Raglan.

## Our Team...



Miss Ezinwa RE class



Miss Brotherton RB class



Mrs Fenner, RE support assistant



Mrs Nye, RB support assistant

## Our Topics this Term ....

We are so excited to dive into our new topics...



'All About Me' and 'People Who Help Us!' Our classroom role play areas have been transformed into a Police Station and a Fire Station to immerse the children into the topic and encourage imaginative play.

The children will be learning about different roles in the community and how different professionals help us. We are hoping to have visits from Police officers, fire fighters, midwives, nurses and postal workers. If you know anyone who are in these roles, please let us know!

Through the above topics we cover the key areas of learning in the Foundation stage, these are...

- ✓ Physical Development
- ✓ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ✓ Literacy
- ✓ Communication and Language
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Understanding the world
- ✓ Expressive Arts and Design

In addition, Phonics, Reading and Mathematics are taught on a daily basis. We will be holding a Foundation Stage phonics meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October in the morning and in the evening. We will share with you some strategies we use to teach phonics and early reading skills at Raglan. A letter will be sent out to you nearer the time with further details.

## Physical Development in the Foundation Stage...

RB and RE have an official PE slot on a **Wednesday** however we will take the children outside or to the gym/ studio throughout the week for additional Physical Development and Dance lessons.

The children all need a PE kit, which should consist of a navy blue t-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls, so that they can take part safely. We encourage the children to get changed as independently as they can, supporting them when appropriate. It would be great if you could encourage your child to dress and undress themselves at home to support this.

Please can you check that all of the PE kit is labelled, including the plimsolls, we can then return missing items to their owner!

## As Mathematicians We Will...

Practise and learn numbers up to 20. We will be counting forwards and backwards using number lines to help us. The children will be matching groups of objects to its number name.

## This Term in Phonics...

The children will be revisiting phase 1 sounds and then gradually introduced to s,a,t,p,i,n. We be using flash cards and interactive games to engage the children. Phonics lessons provide the initial building blocks to help your child to begin to read and write.

## Foundation Stage Reminders...

- Please could your child bring in a coat to school as they will be going outside every day, practising how to do it up and take it off at home would be very much appreciated.
- Please send in a labelled water bottle and your child's book bag every day – thank you.
- Please label all uniform so we can return it to the rightful owner!



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## Foundation Stage Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2017

Welcome to the Foundation Stage! We hope that you have enjoyed your summer and are ready to come on this exciting learning journey with us. We really enjoyed meeting you at the parent meetings. We value your ongoing support and look forward to building a good working relationship with both you and your child.

## How can you help at home?

- We would be grateful if you could donate £1 for our consumables that resource our messy and malleable play – thank you for your support.
- Practising writing your child's name using cursive writing would be great. We will be sending a guide home in your child's book bag to help them with this.
- Encourage your child to count forwards and backwards up to 10 and beyond. This can be done in many fun and exciting ways. E.g. counting fruit in the supermarket or how many cars or buses they see as they walk to school!
- Support your child with zipping up their coats and buttoning up clothing in preparation for P.E lessons!

## Useful websites

Phonics play- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

## Important Dates

**Meet and greet evening** -September 26<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 7pm,  
**Harvest festival** – 28<sup>th</sup> September.  
**Macmillan Coffee Morning** –29<sup>th</sup> September 9:15am.  
**Fire Brigade visit**- TBC  
**Phonics Parent meetings** –Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
**Spooky Disco** – 13<sup>th</sup> October  
**FOR Quiz Night** – 20<sup>th</sup> October  
**British Transport Police Visit**- TBC

## Star of the Week and our Sparkling Fire at Raglan...

Our aim is for everyone to have a great time learning at Raglan, being kind, helpful and respectful of each other and the rules. Good behaviour is rewarded through our behaviour system, where the children aim to reach the 'sparkling fire!'

Every week, a child will be picked as 'Star of the Week', which they feel is a great honour! The Star of the Week will be allowed to take home the class puppet to look after at the weekend. This will come with a diary for the children to write their experiences in and maybe stick in a photograph! When they bring the puppet back they also can bring in something of importance to them to show and tell to the class. Please can you ensure that it is not too expensive or of great sentimental value as we would not want it to get lost or broken. We do not allow computer programs or battery operated toys though please.

## Learning at Raglan



Please remember  
to send in your  
WOW moments!