



The Rainbow Room September 2020



Dear Parents,

It feels like we have been waiting on eternity to say this- welcome back! We are delighted to be opening the Rainbow Room doors (which now lead to the former 'Jungle') to a brand new and exciting term, which will no doubt be filled with fresh challenges and adventures of its own. We can not think of a more wonderful group to be sharing our bubble with.

As we begin to embrace our version of 'the new normal', we feel that parent/teacher communication is more vital than ever. We understand that the transition from home schooling to a summer break and now into the heights of the Upper House, that there will be a wealth of new routines to establish so do ensure that you inform us of any queries or issues via the Reading Record- in times like these, there really is no such thing as a silly question! Our school day will look very different to a typical day at Charterhouse however, we hope that with sheer determination, encouragement, and positivity that we will all find our feet together.

Now, on to the exciting bits. Here is a brief overview of Rainbow Room's Autumn learning journey.

History

The Middle Ages

We will be looking at coats of arms, Magna Carta, Richard I and the crusades, the Hundred Years' War and Richard II. We will also look at features of castles and the lives of medieval knights.

Geography

Continents

We will learn to identify the continents and oceans of the world. As well as this, we will go on a fact-finding mission to investigate more about global differences in various cultures, flora and fauna.

**As with any topic, if you have additional expertise or experiences in these areas, we would love you to share your knowledge with us. Just write a note in the Reading Record to let us know.*

Science

This term, the Rainbows will be exploring the topic *Moving and Growing*. We will be exploring skeletons, muscles and looking at nutrition.

Literacy

We will be linking literacy to our topics and using the Middle Ages and continents as our inspiration. The children will examine existing myths and legends, historical stories and write non-chronological reports.

Handwriting

Handwriting remains a huge focus for the school and with our keyboard skills advancing at a superb rate during online learning, we endeavour to flex our writing muscles even more so this term. Any additional practice at home is invaluable and do encourage children to use a consistently high standard of presentation when completing home learning tasks.

Maths

Numbers and their properties, place value, estimating, times tables (x2-x12), and decimals are just some of the areas we will be focusing upon in our numeracy lessons. Please ensure that times tables are being rehearsed regularly at home. As I am sure you are aware, they are a crucial part of this year's curriculum and we rely greatly on support from home.

Spanish

This year, the children will continue Spanish lessons with Maria Jose once a week.

Music, Drama and Dance

The Rainbow Room will receive their weekly dosage of the arts in our classroom bubbles. These sessions will be taught by the peripatetic teachers David, Anni and Amanda.

Other information you may find useful:

- PE will be on Thursday afternoons, so children will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. P.E will be taught by Luke with Michaela and Charley accompanying. Whilst Golden Lane remains closed, we will be making use of local parks and open spaces to complete a range of sporting activities.
- We will also be visiting Corams Fields on Wednesday afternoons so please ensure that children are also dressed in warm, sports attire for this session.
- As mentioned above, the current closure of Golden Lane means that there will be no swimming this term. We will notify parents when the venue re-opens and swimming sessions are safe to commence.
- To maintain a clean air supply to the classroom, windows will be kept open throughout the day. As the days begin to get cooler, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing (preferably layers).

Thank you once again for your continued support,

Michaela and Charley