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Greenacres Primary School
Green Class Letter - Summer Term – 2nd half

Welcome back to a new year in green Class. Our theme this term is Weather. We will be watching video clips and looking at pictures of different weather conditions. When we are outside we will talk about the weather, find out what the weather is going to be like for the rest of the day on the internet and keep a daily weather chart. We will talk about appropriate clothes to wear in different climates and sort clothes for a holiday to a hot and a cold country. During Literacy we will read storybooks about the weather and look at non-fiction books. In ICT the children will make weather photobooks. Green Class will be learning about Autumn. We will look at autumn pictures and look for signs of autumn during our visit to Greenwich Park. We will be painting autumn tree pictures, printing with leaves and making Autumn collages. We will also learn how Divali is celebrated and make diva lamps.

Where are we going to visit?

Greenwich Toy Library
Science Museum
Greenwich Park
Eltham Centre Library
National Gallery

What books will we be reading?

Kippers Book of Weather
Alfie's Weather
Mrs Mopple's Washing Line
Mr Wolf's Week
Tattybogle
Lighting a Lamp

Children will also be able to listen to these stories at our listening table.



How can I help my child at home?

-Help to extend your child's vocabulary by talking about what the weather is like and use language such as hot, cold, raining, sunny, cloudy, bright, dull etc

-Share simple picture stories.
Read the title of the book and the name of the author.
Look at the pictures in the book and talk about what you think might happen in the story.
Follow the words with your finger or let your child do it.
Talk about what happened in the beginning, middle and end.

Help children to look for words when they are out such as words on road signs or the names of shops.
Help children to see that everything has its own word.
Make two or three word cards for familiar things like chair, bed, door and put them on objects.

-Sing simple rhyming and action songs such as "If you're happy and you know it" or "Two little dicky birds".

-Help your child to count for `real reasons` such as counting how many apples in the fruit bowl or finding out how many eggs are left.

-Help your child to recognise numbers by talking about numbers they see such as on birthday cards, telephone or the television remote control.

We will be playing Social Skill games daily to help children to do `good sitting, looking, listening and turn taking`

The adults will model "good talking" and introduce new words in the context of play and practical activities.

During `Newstime` at the end of the day we will talk about activities we have enjoyed doing and help the children to say what they have learned. We will look and talk about photographs of the children learning in the classroom, in the outside area and on our out of school visits.

During Communication, Language and Literacy we will do patterning with ribbons and in Writedance to prepare children for writing. We will be playing sound games to help children hear initial sounds of words, begin to learn single letter sounds and how to form these letters. Children will be "writing" for different reasons such as news from our visits or about their favourite part of story which we have read.

Please send in photographs or write any exciting news in your child's communication book such as somewhere they have been at the weekend so they can share it with their friends.

All children will need to have a named school PE kit to participate in PE lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays when we are not on a visit. Please ensure all of your child's school uniform is clearly named. Please do let your child bring toys on the bus or into school.

Thank you
Miss Slade and Mrs Boughwood