



School-Readiness & The Rainbow Room

What is the Rainbow Room?

The Rainbow Room is our pre-school room, which has been introduced to the nursery, for children aged between 3 to 5 years. The children of this age will be able to take part in regular sessions in the Rainbow Room. The Rainbow Room is designed to prepare children for school. As a parent/guardian, we want our children to be ready to enter school, equipped with all the essential skills required to get a good start in their learning and development and in the education system. The Rainbow Room will help give your child this start.

The pre-school room will support your child in their development and learning. It is important to remember that your child will be ready in their own time and at their own pace. Support from parents/guardians can help the transition from nursery to 'school ready' much more smooth.

What you can do to support 'school-readiness'?

As a parent, you can encourage good communication through modelling language, explaining things, questioning, showing and encouraging and providing interactive play at home. You should also consider your child's

physical development. Does your child have the ability to care for themselves in dressing and toileting, and is your child able to feed themselves? This then goes further into activities such as kicking a ball, riding a bike /scooter and using other interactive toys.

In order for your child to master these essential skills, it is important that we work closely together to ensure your child is getting the most of out the Rainbow Room and that this learning is also being echoed at home. This can be achieved by writing a short comment on one of our 'Jelly Beans', which can be found in Reception. You can also talk to the Deputy Manager, Hayley and Pre-school Teacher Lacey, about your child's learning and development. This will help give the children the best possible chance of being ready for school when the time comes.

Things we will be doing in the Rainbow Room

- Name and Feelings Board - When the children enter the Rainbow Room, they will be asked to find their name and stick it on to the feelings board. They will have a choice to place it on the sunshine or the rain cloud. The sun will represent

the feeling of happiness and the cloud will be for sad/unhappiness.

- Treasure Box - The children will have an opportunity to bring in something special from home. It will be placed in the treasure box until circle time, where they will be able to share with their friends what they have found and brought to pre-school.
- The Nursery Library - The library will allow children to look through the variety of books we have in our book corner. They will be able to choose and take a book home for 1 week, which they will be able to share with you.
- The Golden Helper of the Day - The children will each take it in turns to be 'The Golden Helper'. They will help to hand out the milk and snack and collect the cups and plates, at snack time.
- Ted's Big Adventure - The children will have an opportunity

to take Ted the Teddy Bear home over night. You and your child will be able to write down and/or take pictures of Ted's adventure and bring it into nursery the next day. This will then be discussed at circle time, where your child will be able to tell their friends about what they have been doing with Ted.

- ICT – The children will have the opportunity to use the computers and iPads. They will be exploring different computer programmes and apps, which will be educational and fun.
- Activities that will promote independence - Activities such as preparing snack, putting their own shoes and socks on, fastening coats and other garments, washing their hands and face, brushing their teeth and going to the toilet by themselves.

We hope you will work closely with us to support your child through the transition and prepare them for school. We aim to make this transition a smooth and an enjoyable one.