

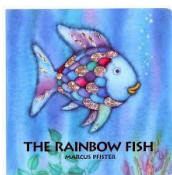
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

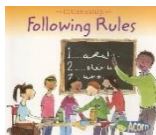
We are delighted with how well all of the children have settled into Acorn Nursery over the past few weeks. We look forward to seeing their smiling faces at the door each day eager to come in and learn with us! Here is a brief peek into what we have been learning and how you can support your child at home.

Your child has been learning to;

- Settle into the new environment
- Follow the nursery golden rules and routines
- Use the toilet and wash their hands
- Hang up their own coat and put their book bag and water bottle away
- Listen to others
- Join in with nursery rhymes
- Share and take turns
- Use their friends and teachers names



We have been reading the story of the rainbow fish, which teaches the children about the valuable skill of sharing with others. We have been practising using the phrase 'please can I have a turn'.



We have also been reading stories about following the rules. These stories link to our 'Elephant golden rules' to share, be kind, listen, try hard and tidy up. The children have all been trying hard to follow these rules.

You can help your child at home by

- Reading to them regularly, use silly voices and make the stories fun!
- Singing nursery rhymes with them.
- Talking to them about their teachers and friends and asking what their names are.
- Encouraging them to use the toilet pulling their underwear up and down independently and to wash their hands.
- Asking them about their day, use questions like "Did you ride the bike or the scooter?" "Did you listen to a story?" "Did you have a snack?"

We encourage you to talk to a member of staff at any time regarding your child at nursery. However, pick up and drop off times can be very busy at the door. Please may we ask that wherever possible you send an email to [acornclass@harefieldinfant.com](mailto:acornclass@harefieldinfant.com) alternatively if you are happy to wait until the entrance way is less busy and all children have entered the nursery or been dismissed a member of the team will be happy to chat with you then.

We would also like to remind you to say goodbye to your child at the nursery door where possible as it can become difficult to keep track of the children in the cloakroom when there are adults inside. This keeps everybody safe.



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Huge congratulations are in order for Mrs Harrison who now has the role of overseeing welfare, attendance, safeguarding and pastoral care in the infant's school. She will be starting her new role next week and we are all really sad to see her go after 11 years of nurturing the children in Acorn Nursery. However, the children will still see her every Wednesday afternoon as she covers my PPA time. I know that you will all join me in congratulating her in her new role. We have employed two new LSA's in her place, they are Mrs Stubbings who the children all know really well as she has been volunteering with us and Miss Jones who has worked in our nursery previously and has lots of experience working in the Early Years.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Many thanks  
Mrs Halligan  
Nursery Manager