



1ST WELTON RAINBOWS

We had a great start to our summer term here at Welton Rainbows. We have been given permission to start indoor, face-to-face meetings and it has been lovely to see everyone together, although keeping a safe distance. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, meetings have been a little bit different with the implementation of a one-way system, allocating individual seats for the girls and giving them their own personal equipment to prevent cross-contamination. However, the good news is that they have all adjusted to the changes amazingly well.

This term we will be working on our *Express Myself* theme award, which will see us working on our Communicate Stage 1 Skills Builder. The girls will also be completing their Drawing badge outside our allocated Tuesday meetings. We have made a start on our Communicate badge by learning Makaton; one of the girls showed us how to sign *happy birthday* which was really fun! We have also been working with new friends to improve our confidence. The girls have been talking for five minutes about certain subjects. They were paired with a new partner and spoke about their topic, with their partner asking questions and engaging with them. For some of the girls this was the first time they had the chance to talk to someone new as they did not get to choose their partner.

We have been working on some fun, non-programme badges. We learnt all about bees and made our own bee for the Bee badge. We celebrated the Queen's 95th birthday by designing our own birthday cake that the Queen might like, and we designed our own crown with lots of jewels. Completing these badges helps to break up all the great Guiding Programme work that the girls are doing into manageable parts and gives them the chance to earn some fun badges.

This term also saw us gain two more volunteers who will help run our unit. We welcomed Tigger and Pooh, who have introduced themselves to the unit and have been sharing some great ideas on potential activities which we can't wait to add. We look forward to supporting them throughout their leadership journey and can't wait to see how they will progress and develop.

We are already looking forward to the next few weeks at Welton Rainbows as we have a celebration night planned when the girls will be completing their *Rainbow Promise* and will be presented with all the badges they have worked so hard to complete this term.

Thank you to the parents and the volunteers and, as always, to the girls for their continued support and engagement with Welton Rainbows.

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