

Dress Down Fridays: Friday remains our dress down day. Let your child come to school in warm comfortable home clothes.

Transport: In case of changes to your child's transport arrangement, please indicate in the diary or call the teacher.



Diaries: Please sign your child's diary daily and use it to communicate to the teacher.

Labeling: Please label all your child's items using full name.

Birthdays: You may send a cake for the children to share. However, we discourage sweets, biscuits and juice.

*Polite
Reminders*

Snacks: Please pack a healthy snack for your child. E.g. Fruits, yoghurt, carrot sticks, sandwiches, fresh juice, etc.

Medicine: In case your child is on medication, kindly label it and hand it directly to the bus conductor or class teacher. Please do not put it in the child's bag

Recorders for Pre-primary children: Please buy your pre-primary child a recorder for use during their music lessons.

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Riara Springs Kindergarten



Newsletter — January 2018



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Happy New Year!

I take this opportunity to welcome you all to Riara Springs Kindergarten. It's a great pleasure to have the children back. To the new parents, thank you for choosing Riara . Together, we shall help your child be the BEST they can.

Every year, as a school, we have an annual theme that guides all the school activities in the year. This year, our theme is "Let's go on an **adventure**". The theme will help us explore different areas of our learning, especially with the new curriculum which requires a lot of parental involvement. We shall therefore, go on this adventure together i.e. the child, the teacher and you.

The new curriculum starts this year from kindergarten to the lower primary school. Let me assure you that our teachers are ready, they have been trained and I'm confident that we shall all have an adventure as we learn. We plan to invite you for forums where we shall discuss the new curriculum further.

Wishing you an adventurous year.

Ms. Gachanja

Headmistress



Reception Level

Rainbow 1— Ms. Connie

Rainbow 2— Mrs. Ngugi

Rainbow 3— Ms. Ruth

Rainbow 4— Ms. Rachel

Rainbow 5— Mrs. Atanda

Rainbow 6— Ms. Fidelis



*Meet our
teachers*

Intermediate Level

Purple Class—Ms. Karen

Orange Class— Ms. Ellah

Lime Class—Miss. Nancy

Blue Class—Mrs. Musalia

Red Class— Ms. Zippy

Yellow Class— Ms. Joyce

Green Class—Ms. Mary

Pre-primary level

Rhino Class — Mrs. Mutinda

Lion Class — Ms. Lilian

Cheetah Class—Mrs. Ombewa

Impala Class—Ms. Ndung'u

Giraffe Class—Mrs. Karanja

Zebra Class—Ms. Irene

Gazelle Class—Ms. Doreen

Buffalo Class—Mrs. Ndegwa

Subject Teachers

PE & Swimming — Ms. Ann, Mr, Agesa

Music — Mr. Mark

Computer — Miss. Monicah

Library— Ms. Lucy

Dance & Movement—Mr. John Paul

Kiswahili—Mrs. Makuri

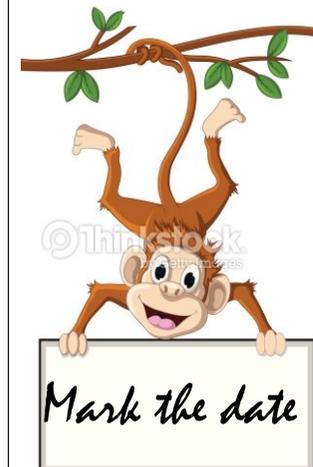
Reading — Ms. Brenda

Extra Curricular Activities

Below is a timetable of our extracurricular activities.

Please ensure that your child comes to school ready for the activity of the day by either dressing in the proper attire or carrying the swimming costume.

Level	Class	P.E.	Swimming	Gymnastics
Pre-primary	Zebra	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday
	Rhino	Wednesday	Friday	Tuesday
	Lion	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday
	Giraffe	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday
	Cheetah	Tuesday	Friday	Thursday
	Impala	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday
	Buffalo	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday
	Gazelle	Tuesday	Monday	Thursday
Intermediate	Orange	Tuesday	Friday	Monday
	Purple	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday
	Red	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday
	Lime	Tuesday	Friday	Monday
	Blue	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday
	Yellow	Monday	Thursday	Thursday
	Green	Wednesday	Friday	Monday
Reception	Rainbow 1	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday
	Rainbow 2	Monday	Wednesday	Tuesday
	Rainbow 3	Monday	Wednesday	Tuesday
	Rainbow 4	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday
	Rainbow 5	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday
	Rainbow 6	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday



Mid Term Break :

Friday 23rd —Monday 26th February, 2018

Closing Day /Class Parties:

Friday 6th April 2018

Dress your child in party clothes and pack an extra snack for them to share with friends.

Open Day: Wednesday 11th April, 2018

A day set aside for parents to meet their children's class teachers and discuss the progress of the children on a one to one basis.

Opening Day Term 2 2018:

Wednesday 2nd May, 2018

Parents' and Teachers' Interactive Meetings:

These are sessions where the teachers and parents interact. Parents get to know their child's curriculum and how the learning process is carried out. It gives the parents a feel of their child's day at school.

Pre-primary level: (*Giraffe, Rhino, Lion, Cheetah, Impala, Zebra, Gazelle, Buffalo*)

Thursday 22nd February, 2018

Reception level: (*Rainbow 1, Rainbow 2, Rainbow 3, Rainbow 4, Rainbow 5, Rainbow 6*)

Wednesday 7th February, 2018

Intermediate Level: (*Red, Blue, Lime, Orange, Purple, Yellow, Green*)

The meeting will be held in Term 2. Details will be communicated later.

Term's Highlight

Annual Fun Day: Thursday 5th April, 2018

A day when parents and children participate in a wide variety of fun, child-centred activities.

Please plan to attend



Curriculum Highlights

The children build on the concepts they learnt in the previous level. Language used will be more advanced but appropriate for each level. Below are general highlights of the term's curriculum.

Pre-Primary Level

*Zebra, Giraffe, Lion, Rhino, Cheetah, Impala
Buffalo, Gazelle*

Children will be involved in activities that will promote the ability to become active listeners and speakers in diverse situations, and articulately express their feelings, ideas and opinions with confidence. In mathematics we focus on developing the mental processes that enhance logical and critical thinking, accuracy and problem solving which are important in developing mathematical skills. The reading scheme will also be closely followed.

Reading Scheme: Lady Bird 3a—3b,
Ginn Level 3,
New Way—Pink.

Projects: Water, Transport, My school

Intermediate Level

Orange, Lime, Purple, Blue, Red, Yellow, Green.

As we develop the children's competencies in different areas, we will review the letter sounds a—z, carry out simple word building activities, and learn to read. The children will carry out exciting activities as they manipulate real objects, counting, sorting, & grouping and matching number values. We will be learning more about ourselves and things we like.

Reading Scheme: Lady Bird 1a,
Ginn Level 1
New Way—White

Project: Myself, Fruits and vegetables

Reception Level

*Rainbow 1, Rainbow 2, Rainbow 3, Rainbow 4,
Rainbow 5, Rainbow 6.*

Children manipulate real objects as they learn to name, discuss and count them. They also learn about colours and shapes found in their environment in addition to picture reading, discussions and their initial sounds. They also explore and discover during sand and water play and nature walks around the school. With the new curriculum, every child gets a chance to acquire competencies and opportunities to achieve their potential to be the best they can.

Reading Scheme: New Way—Wordless,
Ginn—Wordless

Project: Myself, Fruits and vegetables

Extra Curricular Activities.

These are offered to all children to help reinforce concepts learnt in class in a fun environment, different from the usual classroom setting. In addition to developing children's talents, they help children develop physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively.

Music: It enhances children's vocabulary and memory and reinforces learning.

Computer: The children use children's software to reinforce learning and have fun.

P.E., Swimming and Gymnastics: They help the children keep physically fit and healthy.

Dance and Movement: It enhances physical, emotional and social skills while at the same time children have fun learning rhythm.

Piano: These are optional lessons and are offered to pre-primary children as their finger muscles are more developed and they are able to read musical notes and play at the same time.