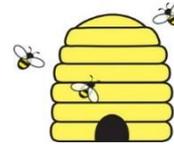


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Dear Parents,

HOME SCHOOL LINK

The children have had a fantastic week taking part in our Prayer Space activities. I hope you have had a chance to look at some of the videos class teachers' have put on their class Teams page.

Attached is the Prayer Space Home Link Rainmaker activity that was mentioned in the letter on Monday. Please can you make a rainmaker with your child. This links to the Helen Keller story they shared in class with Mrs O'Hara. We have provided instructions on how to make the rainmaker. We would love to see any photos of rainmakers your children make at home. Photos of these can be sent via your child's class Teams page.

We would welcome any feedback on Prayer Space as we are always looking at ways to improve our provision. Please email the school office with any questions or comments.

Many thanks for your support,
Claire McLaughlin



Story: Helen Keller was born in America 140 years ago. She was a happy healthy baby. She loved the animals on her family's farm - the horses, dogs, and chickens

BUT, when Helen was about one and a half years old she became very sick. They didn't have medicines like we do these days, so although Helen got over her sickness, her parents soon noticed that she could no longer see or hear.

Helen tried to communicate with the people around her. She had a special action she would use to show that she wanted her mum (*pat cheek because her mum did this to her*). But she became very frustrated because she couldn't simply say what she needed and what she thought. She couldn't see or hear what they were saying or doing either. She felt so alone. So sometimes she would throw tantrums, kicking and even hitting out in anger.

Helen's parents knew Helen needed special help. Teachers at a school for children who were blind told Helen's parents about Annie Sullivan. Annie had been blind, but had her eyesight restored. Perhaps Annie, now grown up, could help Helen.

Annie began to teach Helen words. She would press the letters of words in to Helen's hand. For example, she would put a doll in one of Helen's hands and then press the letters of the word D-O-L-L into the other hand. Helen would repeat the shapes into Annie's hand....BUT, Helen didn't understand that they meant something! Then one day Annie put Helen's hand into water coming from a tap. Then she spelled out 'water' into Helen's other hand. Something clicked. At last, Helen understood what Annie was doing. She learned a number of new words that day. When Helen was grown up, she said this was the day when an entire new world opened up for her. It was one of the happiest days of her life. Helen and Annie **together** could communicate.

You will need:

- 1 cardboard box; or a cardboard tube and a sheet of paper
- Foil (you will need to LOOSELY twist this to fit inside the box, so the pulses roll around it, creating the tumbling sound)
- Pulses
- Felt pens and/or Materials for textures on the outside of the tub/box
- Glue

How to make your rain maker	
1. Choose your box or tube.	

<p>2. If you are using a tube, cut two circles of paper to be used for the ends, and glue one in place.</p>	
<p>3. Put a small amount of pulses into the box/tube.</p>	
<p>4. Take a piece of foil the length of the box/tube and loosely twist it.</p>	
<p>5. Place the foil into the tube/box</p>	

6. Put on the lid on the box/ glue the lid on the tube.



7. Decorate your tube/box.
Now tip it up gently to hear the sound of rain.

