



## Annual Report 2019

### Spring Term: January - April

We started off the year by welcoming a new Leader 'Skylark' (Kathryn) and the girls embarked upon a new badge: Explore Stage 1. The girls learned about female explorers, astronauts and scientists, and got to take their teddy bears on a global adventure. We went for a walk and created simple maps and instructions for 8<sup>th</sup> Fleet Rainbows to try to follow.

In February we celebrated World Thinking Day by inviting the Rainbows from Elvetham Heath to join us. It was nice for the Rainbows to see another unit, and they enjoyed learning about the history of Girlguiding.



### Summer Term: May – July

The Rainbows chose to complete their Reflect Stage 1 badge. They got to design a flower that represented them, and we displayed these in the church. The girls found out about some special traditions, and also thought about the things that make us different as well as the things that make us similar.

We also worked on an engineering challenge badge provided by Amey. The girls loved creating structures from sweets and cocktail sticks, designing buildings with Lego, as well as visiting Trilakes to learn about rural engineering.



### **Residential: Sleepover**

During the holiday, we held a 'Fantasyland' themed sleepover for the Rainbows with activities such as exploring Fairy Glen, cooking marshmallows over Dragons' breath (a campfire) and building dens for Unicorns to live in.

The girls got to complete their Camp Stage 1 badge, and three Rainbows were attending their first ever sleepover with Girlguiding! In the morning they all made their beds and we had an inspection. They all did a very good job.



### **Winter Term: September – December**

During our final term, we welcomed a new Guide helper 'Panda', and the girls chose to complete their First Aid Stage 1 badge. They explored the contents of a first aid kit and learned what everything was used for. Each Rainbow practised cleaning a cut and applying a plaster, as well as learning how to wash their hands properly.

Our final badge of the year was a 'Christmas Challenge'. The girls got to take part in many seasonal activities such as carol singing, Christmas crafts and games, attending the church service, and we finished the term with a Christmas Party.



### **Additional**

In 2019 we welcomed 14 new Rainbows, and sent 10 girls up to Brownies for their next adventure.

We also attended a Circus themed day with Bourne and Boundstone District Guiding. The Rainbows enjoyed decorating t-shirts, making badges, jumping on the bouncy castle as well as joining up with other units in the big top!

Rainbows can now earn their own interest badges at home, with 12 topics to choose from. In 2019 we presented 34 of these badges to lots of very keen Rainbows!