



Rabbit Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Rabbit Class Staff

Mrs Duncan—Class teacher (Tuesday-Wednesday)

Miss Garland—Class Teacher (Monday, Thursday, Friday)

Miss Shelley—Teaching Assistant (Monday- Tuesday)

Mrs Morris—Teaching Assistant (Wednesday-Friday)

Welcome back!

We hope that you have all had a fun filled half term. After talking to the children about their ideas for our new project we have decided that we want to learn about different types of transport and travelling in space. As with all our projects, the activities and learning we do for our topic on journeys will be led by the children's interests. Our fertile question for this half term is 'what different types of journeys can we go on?'.

Journeys!

In our classroom we have a travel agents role play area and will enjoy pretending to be travel advisors and customers. In **Literacy** we will be following the school writing scheme using 'the Write Stuff' and reading a range of narrative books about different journeys, these key texts are: 'We're going on a bear hunt', 'Where the wild things are', 'All aboard the London bus', 'Sam and Dave dig a hole', 'How to catch a star' and 'What we'll build'. In **maths** we will focus on; building 9 and 10, counting and comparing numbers to 10, bonds to 10 as well as 3D shapes and patterns. As **scientists** we will be learning about space rockets and exploring outer space. As part of **understanding the world** we will research different types of transport and how machines make jobs easier. Our **design and technology** work will focus on structures: boats, the children will explore what is meant by waterproof, floating and sinking then experiment and make predictions with various materials to carry out a series of tests. Our discussions in **PSHE** will focus on emotions and strategies we can use to regulate our emotions. In **Physical Development** we will be developing our gross and fine motor skills in weekly gym trail sessions with Will (sports partnership manager) as well as developing our gymnastic skills with our PE coach. In **music** the focus for this half terms unit is our world, as we continue to explore, create, sing and perform. In **RE** this half term we will explore 'Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?' The children will enjoy making pancakes.

Phonics and Reading

We have daily Read Write Inc phonics lessons and the children work in groups according to the stage they are at in their learning. It is amazing to see the progress that the children have made with learning to read. Please can reading books and reading records be in school every day in the plastic wallet provided. Remember to record when your child has read in their reading record and we can award them a certificate in our celebration assembly every Friday. Children also receive a ticket into our weekly prize draw to win a book for reading at home every day.



Rabbit Class Newsletter

WOW moments

You as parents are your child's first educators and the partnership between home and school is important throughout your child's time in education. We value your comments and would like you to share your observations of your child with us. We have a 'WOW' board just inside the cloakroom, where we can share your child's achievements. Please use the post it notes on the front of your child's reading record to note down any 'significant' achievement that you would like to celebrate with us. Examples of significant achievements may be recognising numbers to 10, counting to 20, learning to dress independently, learning to ride their bike, being awarded a swimming certificate, learning to blend to read a word, or simply eating all of their dinner!

Water Bottles

Please ensure your children have a labelled water bottle in school with them every day.

PE

PE is on a Thursday with our PE specialist and Tuesday with Mrs Duncan, and for this half term only Will (Sports partnership manager). Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit. Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons.

Twitter and Tapestry

We hope you enjoy the observations of your child's learning we share with you on Tapestry. Please ask if you need any help with downloading and setting up the Tapestry app. Remember to check out what we have been doing in school on our Rabbit class twitter page, you can access it by looking on:

@BCEVCPRabbits <https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcprabbits>

Supporting you child at home

Alongside regularly reading with your child please support your child with the following:

- Encourage your child to write the sounds that they know when writing the words that they sound out.
- Model letter formation to help your child to form all their letters correctly.
- Finding one more and one less than numbers up to 20.

Questions

Thank you for all of the support that you provide at home, it really is so beneficial to their development and learning. Please come and speak to us at the end of the day if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

Mrs Duncan and Miss Garland