



Rabbit Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Rabbit Class Staff

Mrs Duncan—Class teacher (Monday-Tuesday)

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

Welcome!

Reception marks the beginning of your child's education and brings a time of mixed emotions for children, parents and staff, creating feelings of excitement, anticipation and expectation. The first few weeks of school are very valuable in getting to know each other and becoming familiar with the school routines. During this period we carry out a range of assessments in order to inform future planning and learning. This enables us to create challenges and appropriate activities for each individual.

All About Me!

We are really excited about our topic this half term 'All about me!'. Children will be learning about what makes us special and how we are unique by looking at our similarities and differences. We have a history focus this half term with our learning based around the fertile question 'How have we changed over time'. This will include children investigating the childhoods of their parents and grandparents. They will take part in a range of engaging cross-curriculum activities to enhance their understanding of this topic.

Phonics

Once the children have settled in they will have daily phonics sessions and lots of opportunities for writing. Please help your child write their name independently using a capital letter followed by lower case letters. Miss Garland will be leading a parent meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 2:45-3:15pm to provide you with information and guidance on our new school phonic scheme and how you can support your child at home.

WOW moments

Every week we like to share the children's WOW moments. We will send home blank post-it notes for you to write the WOW moments on and bring back into class. These WOW moments can be large or small moments in your child's life. We always like to promote the achievements and acknowledge their progress. For example a WOW moment could be 'Timmy helped lay the table at Nanny's house' or Jackie had her first swimming lesson'. The children love to see their WOW displayed and read out in front of their class!

Water Bottles

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



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PE

PE is on a Tuesday with Mrs Duncan and Thursday with our PE specialist Cierran. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit. The majority of our PE sessions will be outside this half term so dress appropriately (jogging bottoms not shorts) and wearing appropriate footwear (trainers not plimsolls). Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons.

X (formerly known as Twitter)

Remember our Rabbit class twitter page is now up and running, you can access it by:
@BCEVCPRabbits <https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcprabbits>

Weather

We aim to access the outside environment every day, therefore please send your child in with a named sunhat or suitable jacket (weather dependent). Please apply sun cream before school if it is sunny.

Questions

Please feel free to come and talk to us at the end of the day if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

Mrs Duncan and Miss Garland