



Rabbit Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Rabbit Class Staff

Mrs Duncan—Class teacher (Monday-Wednesday)

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

Mrs Dear – PPA cover

Welcome back

Welcome back, we hope you had a great half term holiday! We have lots of exciting things planned this half term and are really looking forward to starting rehearsals for our Christmas production of 'The Wiggly Nativity'.

Stay & Play in the Burrow!

Our next event for our prospective parents looking for a Reception place for September 2024 is on Thursday 9th November at 2.15pm. Current Reception parents are also invited to come and play with their child while we welcome some new families to our school. We have a very busy half term with lots of opportunities for you to come and join in, please keep an eye on the whole school newsletter for dates and times of key events coming up in school.

Terrific Tales

The theme for this half term is Terrific Tales. We have a **geography** focus this half term and will base our learning around looking at maps of our local area and creating maps of our route to school. In **literacy** we will be reading a range of traditional tales from The Three Little Pigs to Billy Goats Gruff and The Gingerbread man. We will be acting out the stories, creating story maps and continuing with using our phonic knowledge to write key words, labels, lists and short sentences. In **maths** the children will be focusing on representing and comparing numbers to 5, understanding the composition of numbers to 5 and finding one more or less than numbers to 5. The children will explore the shapes circles, triangles, squares and rectangles, understand and use positional language and time. In **Understanding of the World**, the children will be learning about our senses. Our **RE** lessons this half term will explore the question 'Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?' This week in **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** the children are learning about fire safety. The children will be working on junk modelling in **Expressive Art and Design**, as well as creating Catherine wheel paintings, making houses for the Three Little Pigs and designing maps.

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. Please use the flash cards provided to help your child to learn the sounds and build words to read. We use phrases to help the children remember how to form each letter correctly. This is really helping them to write words in our literacy lessons. Please can you help your child practice their letter formation. 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.



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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. We will provide some 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!

PE

PE is on a Thursday with our PE specialist and Tuesday with Mrs Duncan. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit. Some of our PE sessions will be outside this 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.

Twitter

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

Supporting you child at home

Alongside regularly reading with your child please support your child with recognising numerals up to 10 then beyond to 20.

Activities that you could engage in with your child include;

- Counting objects accurately.
- Predicting how many objects there are before counting them.
- Playing board games that involve counting.
- Playing card games such as snap or matching pairs with cards with numbers on not pictures

Questions

Thank you for all of the support that you provide at home, it makes such a difference. Please come and speak to us at the end of the day if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

Miss Garland and Mrs Duncan