



Rabbit Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Rabbit Class Staff

Mrs Duncan—Class teacher (Monday and Tuesday)

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

Welcome back!

We hope that you have all had a fun filled half term. As with all our projects, the activities and learning we do for 'journeys' will be led by the children's interests. 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. Our fertile question for this half term will be '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' and 'how to catch a star'. 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. 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.



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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. 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!

PE

PE is on a Tuesday and Friday with our PE specialist. 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 (recently changed to X)

Remember our Rabbit class X/twitter 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 the following:

Activities that you could engage in with your child include;

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

Explorers Café to celebrate books!

We are hosting explorer cafés to invite parents in to come and explore a book with their child. Each class will have a book to focus on and will plan activities for children to complete with their parents based on the book. Rabbit Class parents are invited to the Explorers Café on Wednesday 6th March at 2.15pm.

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

Mrs Duncan and Miss Garland