



Rabbit Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back!

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter break. As with all our projects, the activities and learning we do for 'Come Outside!' 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 minibeasts and growing plants. Our fertile question for this half term is 'What is special about the natural world?'

Come Outside!

In our classroom we will have a farm shop role play area and the children will have the opportunity to explore coins as they role play paying for items from the shop. In **Literacy** we will be following the school writing scheme using 'the Write Stuff' and reading a range of narrative books about being outside, these key texts are: 'Katie and the Sunflowers', 'Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk', 'Handa's Surprise', 'Pig's Might Fly', 'Rosie's Walk', and a non-fiction unit on 'The Snail and the Whale'. In **maths** we will focus on; numbers to 20 and beyond, counting patterns beyond 10, adding and taking away, selecting and rotating shapes to fill a given space and investigating how many different ways a shape can be built using smaller shapes. As **scientists** we will be learning about insects and making a home for a ladybird. As part of **understanding the world** we will explore the world around us and see how it changes as we enter Summer. Our **art and design** work will focus on sculpture and 3D, the children will explore the sculptural qualities of malleable materials and natural objects, developing the use of tools and joining techniques; to design and make a clay animal sculpture. Our discussions in **PSHE** will focus on 'taking good care of myself'. The children will learn that good practices regarding exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health. In **Physical Development**, we will be developing our fundamental movement skills through games, during these sessions the children will learn how to score and play by the rules as well as developing our ball skills. In **music** the children will come up with simple actions to well-known songs, learn how to move to a beat and express feelings and emotions through movement to music. In **RE** this half term, we will explore 'What makes every single person unique and precious?'

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. Daily reading is so important, children who read for pleasure do better in a wide range of subjects at school and it also positively impacts children's wellbeing. Please make time to share a story with your child every day. Remember to record when your child has read in their reading record, and we can award them a certificate in our celebration assembly on a Friday. Children also receive a ticket into our weekly prize draw to win a book for reading at home every day.

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



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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 child has a labelled water bottle in school with them every day.

Sunhat and suncream

We aim to access the outdoor environment every day, therefore please send your child in with a named coat (if necessary) and a named sunhat. Please ensure children are covered in sun cream during the summer months.

PE

Your child will have PE on Monday and Tuesday each week. 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 reading every day 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.
- Doubling and halving numbers to 10.
- Counting in 1s, 2s and 10s
- 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 me at the end of the day if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

Miss Garland