

# Rabbit Class

Parent/Carers Meeting Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Mr Cole, Mrs Stone and I would like to begin by saying what a pleasure it is to have your child in Rabbit Class and we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead full of wonderful experiences for your child.

As always we appreciate your support and listed below are some ways you could help your child. Encourage your child to share with you what they have done during the day.

Lining up: Could you please say goodbye and leave your child in the centre of the playground encouraging them to line up on their own, hopefully this will ease some of the congestion in the line.

Literacy: Reading Books: Your child will bring home two reading books. These books are teacher directed and may only be changed with support from a member of staff. Please remember that reading is more than just recognising words, it is about understanding and being able to discuss what they have read, so having a chat about their book, and encouraging them to offer their views/opinions (with supporting reasons) would be very helpful.

Letters/Spellings: Your child will have a *Sentence book* and *Spelling Book*. Ways to use these books are written on the inside cover of the book but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to come and see us. When sentences have been written/words learnt books need to be brought in and placed in the tray at the back of the classroom (under the windows to the playground). There is no set day for these to be returned to school but the expectation is that they will be returned **once a week**.

Numeracy: At home: Look at clocks & calendars, play dominoes and card games, look for different shapes around the house and describe what they are like, look at patterns on clothes, curtains wall paper.

Out & about: Look for signs and symbols, what do they mean? Look for shapes and pattern in the environment, look at house numbers (odd and even), use words like first, second, third, talk about your shopping: prices, weighing, counting the items, look at the coins that are used when paying, look at car number plates and discuss the numbers. Maths activities of a practical nature may be sent as homework.

Homework: In addition to *Reading, Spelling Books* and *Sentence Books* additional pieces of Homework will be sent home – this may not happen every week. If any homework has not been returned for 2 weeks, we will notify you either in person or by letter.

Maisy Monkey and Ruby Rabbit: Each Friday we will **Maisy Monkey** and **Ruby Rabbit** will be sent home. Each child will have a turn at looking after each toy. **Maisy Monkey** loves to do any kind of maths whether it is weighing ingredients for cooking or spotting numbers on registration plates or house doors.

**Ruby Rabbit** just likes to spend time at the children's homes taking part in all the things that happen. Please fill in just one page of their diaries, with photos, drawings and writing. We will share these with all the children when they are returned.

WOW Wall: We would love to hear about your child's achievements (swimming without armbands, reading a book unaided etc), please fill in a WOW moment sheet and hand to the teacher so it can be shared with the class before going on the wall.

Topic Flyers: These contain information about areas to be covered across the curriculum relating to the current topic. This enables you to talk to your child about what they are doing in class. Attached to the bottom of the topic flyer will be the class timetable for the half term. Topic flyers are emailed home at the beginning of each half term.

Monday & Thursday mornings: We hope to see as many of you as possible coming in to work with your child until 8.55am on these mornings. Activities are set for the children to complete and it is beneficial and enjoyable to have Parent/Carers helping with these activities.

PE: We have PE on Thursday and Fridays but as additional sessions may be added please ensure your child's PE kit (shorts Tee-shirt, trainers) is in school for the entire week. As part of the required curriculum we will be doing PE outside (even in the winter). Your child will need tracksuit bottoms (as part of their PE kit) and please be advised they may come home dirty. Ear-rings **must** be removed preferably before the child comes to school (micro-pore tape can be used but needs to be supplied by Parents/Carers and your child must be able to apply the tape themselves). Long hair must be tied back.

Water Bottles/Fruit/Snack: Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. Due to hygiene issues cups will not be given to the children. All fruit/snacks must be put in the Fruit/Snack basket at the beginning of the day.

Please remember we are always happy to discuss your child with you but it is easier if you come and discuss things after school rather than in the morning.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued co-operation and support.