

# **Rabbit Class**

## **Parent/Carers Information for Autumn Term 2020**

Mrs Chamberlain 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.

After a difficult and unprecedented period in all our lives, it is a welcome relief to return to some sense of normality. Much has changed over the **lockdown Era** and you and your child/ren will notice many changes in and around school. These changes are designed to keep everyone safe while still providing an excellent learning environment for them to flourish in.

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, then exit the playground.

**English: Reading Books:** Your child will bring home two reading books. These books are teacher directed but please remember we are trying to develop a love of books so if your child wants to read a book/comic from home that is perfectly acceptable. 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, encouraging them to offer their views/opinions (with supporting reasons) would be very helpful. Returned books will be removed from class selection for 72 hours to prevent transmission of germs.

**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 make an appointment to talk to 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/symbols, what do they mean? Shapes in the environment, can you name them? House numbers (odd and even), use words like first, second, third, talk about your shopping: prices, weighing, counting items, car number plates and discuss the numbers.

**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 **Maisy Monkey** or **Ruby Rabbit** (1 week Maisy, 1 week Ruby, enough time for **quarantine** to take place before the next visit) will be sent home. **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** likes to spend time with children, 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. Please ensure writing is in writing pencil and encourage neat handwriting. If you do not want to participate in this at the moment please let us know.

**WOW Wall:** We would love to hear about your child's achievements (riding a bike without stabilisers, 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. Two have been put into your child's book bag in preparation of all those amazing achievements – when you require more please ask.

**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 – NB the topic flyer sent on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept covers the whole term.

**Monday & Thursday mornings:** Until further notice these morning activities will not take place.

**PE:** We have PE on **Thursday** and **Friday**. As we are unable to use changing facilities your child comes in their PE kit on these days. Ear-rings **should** be removed before your child comes to school, micro pore can be used to cover ear-ring but your child must be able to do this themselves, long hair must be tied back.

**Water Bottles/Fruit/Snack:** Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. All fruit/snacks need to be left in lunchboxes

Please remember we are always happy to discuss your child with you. We can do this over the phone or via appointment.

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