

Rabbit Class

The Year Ahead: September 2024

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year; we hope you had a relaxing, enjoyable summer holiday. We want to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 2s who have joined us in Rabbit Class. On behalf of the entire Rabbit Class team, we would like you to know that we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead; one full of wonderful experiences for your child.

As always we appreciate your support and listed below are some ways you could help your child, as well as details of some of the changes this academic year. Hopefully, your children will share with you some of their learning that they have done during the day.

Lining up: Children to line up as last year according to their class.

Writing: Writing continues to be a focus as we draw on the 'Ready, Steady, Write' scheme of work. Using a wide variety of texts, children will experience various styles of writing, write for different purposes and explore vocabulary and language. To help them at home, please encourage them to use interesting vocabulary in day to day life.

Spellings: Some children will continue to take part in phonics sessions which will follow the same pattern they have been used to previously. If your child is not doing phonics, they will have a **Spelling Book** in which they complete their spellings on a weekly basis. In class, we will be using 'Spelling Shed' to learn all our spellings and spelling rules. Different for this year, is a more formal spelling test which will be carried out weekly (day tbc).

Maths: Like last year, we will be continuing to focus on fluency and basic arithmetic skills. We have now fully adopted the White Rose scheme of work to support this. For year 3 pupils, they can be supported by practising their times tables and for year 2 pupils they can be supported by ensuring they are fluent with counting in ones and then counting in groups of numbers (e.g. counting in 2, 5 and 10).

PE: We have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please could you ensure that your child comes in their P.E kit on the aforementioned days. 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. Earrings **should** be removed before your child comes to school, Micro-pore can be used to cover earring but your child must be able to do this themselves, long hair must be tied back.

Homework: Homework will focus on core skills and reading. This means Rabbits will be practising spellings for the weekly spelling test which will happen on a Friday, and times tables/ number bonds. We expect children to read at home 5 times a week and record this in their reading record which will be checked daily.

Stationery:

We provide all the resources the children need, so ask that pupils do not bring in any items or pencil cases from home. Thank you for supporting us with enforcing this.

Fact Friday becomes Fact Thursday:

Rather than in our Friday celebration assembly, the children will now be sharing their facts (linked to the current topic) during our class assembly on Thursdays. This term our topics are focused on prehistory and the stone age in history and in science it is rocks. Any related facts the children would like to share would be greatly appreciated.

Topic Flyers:

This contains information about areas to be covered across the curriculum relating to the current topic. It 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.

Water Bottles/Fruit/Snack:

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. We provide a daily healthy snack (a piece of fruit or veg) for every child. Any snacks brought in from home should be healthy snacks and must be kept separate from lunch boxes. Snacks for play time should be kept in children's class drawer. Lunch will be eaten in the hall as normal.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Willis and Mrs Cott