

Rabbit Class

Spring Term: January 2025

Welcome to the beginning of a new year; we hope you had a relaxing, enjoyable Christmas holiday.

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 year. Hopefully, your children will share with you some of their learning that they have done during the day.

Morning registration:

Children will now be coming straight into the class, through the cloakroom door, from 8.40am, with registration being at 8.50am.

Writing:

Writing continues to be a focus as we continue to 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, encourage them to use interesting vocabulary in day to day life.

Spellings:

Each child will bring home a spelling sheet with their spellings to practise for the week. These will be tested each Friday. Each child will also have been given a monthly spelling sheet, for your information.

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).

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 at least 4 times a week and record this in their reading record.

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.

PE/Forest School:

We have PE on Wednesdays and Forest School on Fridays. Please could you ensure that your child comes in their P.E kit on the Wednesday and is suitably dressed for Forest School on Friday-they will get muddy!. 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) 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.

Water Bottles/Fruit/Snack:

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. All fruit/healthy snacks (no chocolate or sweets) must be kept in your child's pack lunch box. 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