

# ***Rabbit Class***

*The Year Ahead: September 2025*

Welcome once again to the beginning of a new school year.

We hope you had a relaxing, enjoyable summer holiday. A warm welcome to our new Year 2s and a particular welcome to Arthur who has joined us in Year 3.

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.

Listed below are some ways you could help your child, as well as details of some of the changes this academic year. We hope your child will share with you what they have done during the day.

## **Writing:**

Writing continues to be a focus as we continue to draw on '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. We are particularly focussing on handwriting and presentation and will be doing a lot of work on correct letter formation and how to join up our writing correctly to make sure we can write fluently.

## **Spellings:**

Some children will continue to take part in phonics sessions which will continue in the same way 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 'Oxford Owl (ELS)' to learn all our spellings and spelling rules. Different for this year, is a more formal spelling test which will be carried out weekly on a Friday.

## **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. Year 3 pupils will need to be supported in practising their times tables; more information on this will follow. Year 2 pupils 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. We expect children to read at home 5 times a week and record this in their reading record which will be checked daily.

Rabbits will also be practising spellings for the weekly spelling test, and times tables/counting.

## **Stationery:**

The school provides all the resources the children need, so we ask that pupils do not bring in any items, including pencil cases, from home. Thank you for supporting us with enforcing this.

## **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. At the bottom of the topic flyer is the class timetable for the half term. Topic flyers are emailed home at the beginning of each half term.

## **PE:**

We have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Mondays will be gymnastics with Michelle- pupils need to wear PE kit; gymnastics will be done barefoot. Please ensure your child comes in P.E kit on a Wednesday. As part of the required curriculum we will do PE outside (even in winter). Your child will need to wear tracksuit bottoms and please be aware 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.

## **Water Bottles/Fruit/Snack:**

Please ensure 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 Wright