



Rabbit Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Rabbit Class Staff

Miss Garland - Class Teacher (Monday - Friday)

Mrs Morris - Teaching Assistant (Monday – Friday mornings)

Mrs Yarrow - Cover Teacher (Wednesday PM)

Welcome

This is a very exciting time as we welcome the new nursery and reception children into Rabbit class. The first few weeks of the academic year are very valuable in getting to know each other and becoming familiar with the school routines. During this period, we carry out a range of assessments in order to inform future planning and learning. This enables us to create challenges and appropriate activities for each individual.

All about me!

Our topic this half term is 'All about me!' Children will be learning about what makes us special and how we are unique by looking at our similarities and differences. They will take part in a range of engaging cross-curriculum activities to enhance their understanding of this topic.

In **maths** Rabbit class will be learning the key skills of comparing and ordering, counting, sorting and matching, subitising and composition. They will explore these ideas in different contexts in their play. In **understanding the world** children will be learning about families. Through **Developing Experts** children will learn about our bodies. In **design and technology** pupils will practise mark making using different media including crayons, pencils and felt tips. Our **music** sessions will be based on traditional children's nursery rhymes. Children will learn to perform songs and rhymes with others and try to move in time with music. In **Physical Development**, our focus will be on fundamental movement skills and balance bikes. In **RE** this half term children will discuss 'Why is the word God so important to Christians?' Our **personal, social and emotional development** sessions will focus on how we can show respect and kindness to others.

Phonics

All children will begin daily phonics lessons this half term. Our nursery children will be learning phase 1 phonics. Phase 1 phonics is the first stage of the phonics teaching programme. At this stage, the focus is primarily on developing speaking and listening skills through playing games. Reception children will be learning letter sounds and blending and segmenting to read and spell CVC words.

PE

PE is on a Monday with our PE specialist and Friday. The children will be taking part in balance bike lessons this half term. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit. The majority of our PE sessions will be outside this term so dress appropriately (jogging bottoms if the weather is a bit chilly) and wearing appropriate footwear. Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons.



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Water bottles

Please ensure your children have a labelled water bottle in school with them every day.

Twitter

Remember our Rabbit class twitter page is now up and running, you can access it by:
@BCEVCPRabbits <https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcprabbits>

Supporting you child at home

Activities that you could engage in with your child include.

- Counting objects.
- Sharing stories and singing rhymes.
- Playing games.
- Drawing pictures.

If you have any questions please come and speak to us, we are always happy to help.

Kind regards,

Miss Garland