



# AUTUMN TERM 2023

## INFORMATION FOR THE AUTUMN TERM – RABBIT CLASS

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL AND THE AUTUMN TERM! WE HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD SUMMER BREAK AND ARE READY TO LEARN. WE HAVE A BUSY TERM AHEAD OF US WITH LOTS OF FUN LEARNING PLANNED!

### WHAT WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT?

**Maths** – We begin the term learning about place value and number, then progress to developing our understanding of addition and subtraction. After half term we will be learning about multiplication and division. The children will also have weekly arithmetic tests, TT Rock Stars practice and Rapid Recall tests.

**English** – We will begin the term by reading *In My Heart* by Jo Witek and writing our own book about feelings. We will be reading *That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown* by Cressida Cowell for our Whole Class Reading and *Ottoline and the Yellow Cat* by Chris Riddell as our class novel. We will also be writing inspired by the books *The Friendship Bench* and *Flood*.

**Science** This term we are learning about sound. We will be doing experiments to find out how sound can change in volume and pitch and how sound is created.

**History** – After half term we will be learning about how communication has changed over time.

**Geography** – Our theme is *Whatever the Weather* and we will be observing and investigating weather patterns.

**PE** – We are learning outdoor adventurous activities.

**Art** – We will be looking at sculpture, making our own sculptures and drawing them.

**DT** – Mechanisms. We will be making a moving card for Christmas.

**Computing** – We will be learning about programming and e-safety.

**RE** – Our unit is called *What can we learn from sacred books?*

**PSHE** – We are learning about keeping safe and managing risk focussing on bullying.

### IMPORTANT DAYS TO NOTE

- **Monday** –
- **Tuesday** – PE
- **Wednesday** –
- **Thursday** –
- **Friday** – Spelling Test, PE

### PE KITS

Children should **continue** to come to school in their PE kits ready for their lessons. Please could we make sure that all children have the following for PE:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain dark coloured joggers or shorts
- Plain dark coloured jumper (not school jumper)
- Trainers and/or pumps.

### THE TEAM – WHO AND WHEN?

Mrs Cryer teaches Rabbit Class every day. We are also extremely lucky to be supported by Mrs Nelson every day. On Tuesday afternoons the children will have Kanga Sports followed by music with Mr Hills.

## HELP AT HOME

**Reading** – studies show that reading for pleasure (when children choose to read independently) has a huge impact on children's attainment in all subjects. You can help by listening to your child read every day and talking about the story and the characters in the books you read. It is also important to read **to** your child every day. Children need to hear reading being modelled and enjoy hearing stories. To support your child's comprehension, you could develop your child's general knowledge (watch Newsround and Blue Peter, go to the library and read information books about topics that interest your child).

**Spelling** – Many of our children do not spell accurately in their independent writing. You can help by practicing the spelling pattern daily and taking opportunities to point out spelling patterns in reading.

**Maths** – Our maths lessons are much easier when you know key facts. You can go on Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots daily and practice your child's rapid recall target.

**Life Skills** – these are handy skills for your child to master.

- Teach your child to tell the time on an analogue clock.
- Teach your child to tie their shoelaces.
- Cook with your child.

## HOMEWORK

A SELECTION OF ACTIVITIES FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME ARE PROVIDED ON THE BRAINBUILDER SHEET.

PLEASE ALSO FEEL FREE TO SPEND TIME FINDING OUT ABOUT THINGS THAT INTEREST YOUR CHILD AS WELL AS EVENTS IN THE NEWS TO DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

THE WEATHER IS CHANGEABLE SO PLEASE CAN ALL CHILDREN ALWAYS HAVE A SCHOOL JUMPER A WATERPROOF COAT A SUN HAT AND A WATER BOTTLE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR READING BOOK AND READING DIARY TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

## FINALLY ...

If you have any questions, please get in touch via the school office.