

Rabbit Class (Reception), Autumn Term 2026, Newsletter One

Welcome to Rabbits Class! Please find below information about the learning we will undertake this half term as well as some reminders. Please keep your eyes on our website and ClassDojo for pictures, news and last-minute announcements.

Literacy-Reading

In literacy lessons, we will be exploring the texts 'Hello Friend', 'The Little Red Hen', 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Mixed'. We will be sharing lots of other key texts based on our Theme- "We are amazing!"

In phonics we will be learning our first Phase 2 sounds (s, a, t, p, u, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, e, u, r, h, b, f, l) and tricky words 'is', 'I' and 'the'.

Literacy- Writing

In our writing curriculum, we will be developing our pre-writing skills and pencil grip. As we introduce letters, we will practice correct letter formation. We will be learning to write our name and identify initial sounds in words.

Mathematics

In Autumn 1, we will be developing our counting skills, learning to subitise within 4 and developing our understanding of the early composition of numbers. We will be exploring patterns and developing our mathematical language to talk about measures.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

Our PSED unit is called "Self-regulation: My feelings" where we begin to identify different emotions. We will be learning about the "Zones of Regulation" which is our whole school approach in identifying our emotions.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring the idea of past and presents by looking at photos of ourselves as babies. As we read 'Handa's Surprise' we will begin to compare the differences of Handa's home in Africa to our own home in the UK.

Expressive arts and design

In expressive arts and design, we will be developing our fine motor skills as we explore mark making with different medias. We will be learning about self-portraits and how to use our observational skill to look carefully at the shapes on our face. In music we will be learning to clap syllables and explore sound.

Physical Development

We will be using different body parts to walk in different directions, at different levels and at different speeds. We will use these skills and our imagination to explore creating simple movement sequences relating to Nursery Rhymes.

RE

In RE our first unit is called "Why is the word God so important to Christians". This unit lays the foundations for understanding the Christian belief. We will also explore how Jewish families celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

Communication and Language

We will be using 'Rhyme Time' to develop our language, awareness of sounds within words and build a bank of Nursery Rhymes learnt of my heart. We will be learning to communicate our ideas.

Reminders

PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.

Please ensure everything is named.

Please email the Office or send on ClassDojo a photo of your child as a baby and a toddler for W/C 7th of September.