Rabbits Class (Reception), Autumn Term 2026, Newsletter Two

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: 'Ruby's Worry', 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Nativity Story'. We will be sharing lots of other key texts based on our Theme- "Celebrations"

In phonics we will be learning the rest of our Phase 2 sounds (ss, ff, ll, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk) and tricky words 'put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me , be'.

Literacy- Writing

Our writing curriculum, we will be continuing to be developing our pencil grip and practicing correct letter formation. We will be learning to write our name and identify initial sounds in words. We will begin to write simple CVC words.

Mathematics

In Autumn 2, we will be continuing to develop our careful counting skills to 5, make comparisons of sets of objects and explore the concepts of 'whole' and 'parts'. We will develop our understanding of the composition of numbers to 5 and explore 2D shapes.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

Our PSED unit is called "Special Relationships" where we explore why families and special people are valuable, recognises ourselves as valuable individuals and explore diversity and importance of sharing.

Understanding the World

We will be focusing on observing the changes our natural world at Autumn. We will be exploring the similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities by understanding how people celebrate their special times.

Expressive arts and design

In expressive arts and design, we will be exploring painting and painting techniques. In music, we will be developing our understanding of music for religious celebrations by using our voices to sing and instruments to perform Christmas songs.

Physical Development

We will be creating movements and balances in high and low ways on the floor and on apparatus. We will be creating simple movements sequences and exploring movements to become different characters.

RE

Our R.E unit is called "Why do Christians Perform Nativity Plays at Christmas?". This unit explores Christian's belief in Jesus and why they celebrate Jesus' nativity (birth). We will also explore how Jewish families celebrate Hanukkah.

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 now **Monday** and **Tuesday.**

Please ensure **socks are worn on Monday** P.E instead of tights as we are doing Gymnastics.

Please email the Office or send on ClassDojo a photo of your child celebrating a special time (Birthday, Christmas, Diwali, Thanksgiving) for **W/C 2nd November**.

Please email the Office or send on ClassDojo a **photo of you and your child's family or bring a drawing** for our PSED lesson before the **9th of November**.