



Rabbit Class Newsletter

Term 2 November 2022



Welcome back!

In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term as well as general information and key dates for your diary. As ever, should you have any questions, do contact us via Classdojo or, if a quick query, catch us at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continuing support

Some of the exciting books we will be exploring this term



Our topic this term is 'Let's Celebrate!' The children will learn all about seasonal changes as we head from Autumn into Winter and we learn about hibernation. We also look at Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, and the celebrations of Diwali, Advent - making Christingles and holding our own Christingle service and Christmas. The children will be taking part in our Key Stage 1 Nativity performance which really brings the learning to life.

We get lots of first hand experience exploring seasonal changes in our forest school sessions and we learn how to look after wildlife over the winter. Within forest school we will explore the stories of the 'Leafman', 'Stickman', 'It was a Cold Dark Night', 'We're Going on a Leafhunt', and 'The very Helpful Hedgehog.'

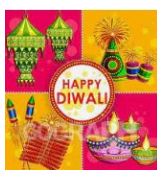
The children will use Talk for Writing actions to help them to learn and retell stories. They will use props and puppets to support their story telling and begin to create their own stories.

Key experience: The children will be participating in their first Nativity performance reinforcing the birth of Jesus and the very first Christmas.

Key outcomes: The children will learn about different faiths, cultures and festivals.



Bonfire Night



Diwali



Christmas



Remembrance Day



Children in Need

Discrete Teaching Programmes

Maths

We follow 'White Rose Maths' plans. This term the topics are; It's me 1, 2, 3! and Light & dark. We look at number representation, comparing numbers, composition of numbers, one more one less, circles, triangles shapes with 4 sides and positional language.

Literacy

We will be continuing with the Little Wandle phonics programme. Please see the table below which shows what will be taught this term. As you can see there will be a new selection of tricky words for the children to learn. Tricky words are those words which we need to learn to sight read rather than sound out phonetically as they try and trick us and do not read as they are spelt! Information on the phonics learning and ways of helping your child with their reading will be posted weekly on google classrooms. Please make sure you have a read of the weekly newsletter which updates you on your child's learning and there are also activities / games to help your child reinforce their learning.

Reception Autumn 2

	Phase 2 graphemes	New tricky words
Week 1	ff ll ss j	put* pull* full* as
Week 2	v w x y	and has his her
Week 3	z zz qu words with s /s/ added at the end (hats sits) ch	go no to into
Week 4	sh th ng nk	she push* he of
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">words with s /s/ added at the end (hats sits)words ending s /z/ (his) and with s /z/ added at the end (bags)	we me be

RE

Our big question for RE this term is 'Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?' Children will be able to recall the Nativity story as we learn all about this important Christian festival.

PE

Mrs Hunt our specialist dance teacher will be coming in on a Thursday to teach dance to the children along the theme of Nursery Rhymes.

On a Tuesday will be continuing to develop our throwing, catching and dribbling skills using a large ball. We will continue playing different games and developing our gross motor skills. Children need to come to school in their PE kits on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Additional information: Reading books will continue to be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. Children will read in a group within class and have phonic / handwriting lessons daily. Home learning will be set on a Friday via Google Classroom detailing what we have been learning along with ideas of how you can support your child at home. Library will continue to run on a **MONDAY** after school.

Please ensure outdoor waterproofs are in school for our forest school sessions on a Monday and Friday.

Can we also remind parents that children should only bring WATER into school. Bottles are refilled in class if necessary. Squash when spilt leaves a sticky stain on the carpet. Can we also remind you NO chocolate, nuts or crisps for snack.

Key dates/information

Mon 28th Nov and Thurs 1st Dec - Parent consultations - more info to follow

Sat 3rd Dec – FOSS Xmas fete

Mon 5th Dec – 1.45pm Nativity performance

Tues 6th Dec – 9.30am Nativity performance

Wed 7th Dec – Panto trip Gravesend

Fri 9th Dec – Xmas Jumper Day and Reading Café for Rabbit parents in hall 2.30pm.

Mon 12th Dec – Christmas Party at school

Wed 14th Dec – Xmas dinner and Elf day (children come to school dressed as an elf)

Fri 16th Dec – End of term.

