



# Rabbit Class Newsletter

## Spring Term 1 January 2023

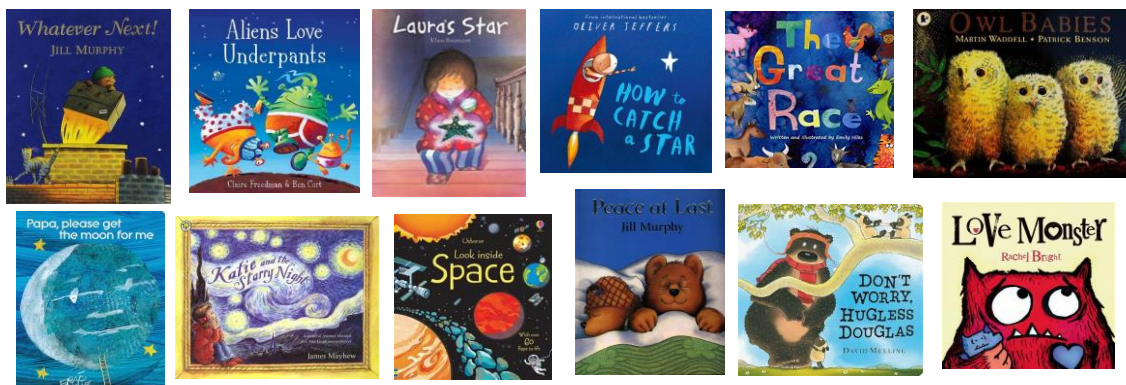


**Welcome back and Happy New Year!**

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 'Zoom to the moon!'** In this topic the children investigate the stars and the moon, people who work at night, the importance of sleep and rest and bedtime routines. We use various storybooks to hook the children's interest into their learning and use texts such as 'Whatever Next!', 'How to catch a Star', 'Owl Babies' and 'Aliens Love Underpants'. The children learn repetitive songs and poems and begin to explore and use rhyming words and exciting vocabulary. We are focusing on encouraging independent writing this term and story-telling.

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.

Within our Forest School sessions the children will continue exploring the forest and we will be taking part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch, learning about different birds that visit us and how to take care of them throughout the seasons.

**Key experience:** The children begin this topic with a visit from the Space Dome where they get to experience the night sky and learn about the different stars and constellations.

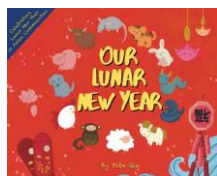
We also take part in 'The Big Bird Watch' in conjunction with the RSPB during our outdoor learning sessions.

### Key Celebrations:

Lunar New Year (w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan)

Children's Mental Health Week (w/b 6<sup>th</sup> Feb)

RSPB Bird Watch (27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Jan)



## Discrete Teaching Programmes

### Maths

We follow 'White Rose Maths' plans. This term the topics are: Alive in 5! And Growing. We will be look at comparing numbers, number bonds to 10, mass, capacity, height, length, addition / subtraction, making pairs and time and measures.

### Phonics

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.

	Phase 3 graphemes	New tricky words
Week 1	ai ee igh oa	
Week 2	oo oo ar or	was you they
Week 3	ur ow oi ear	my by all
Week 4	air er words with double letters: dd mm tt bb rr gg pp ff	are sure pure
Week 5	longer words	

### RE

Our big question for RE this term is 'Which stories are special and why?' Children will learn stories from and about holy books, including stories about Jesus and Prophet Muhammad. The children are given opportunities to retell the stories in a variety of ways and look at how some religious stories are similar and how they differ.

### PE

On a Tuesday will be having gymnastics lessons - using low level apparatus to move across, around, through, over and under. We will be practising moving in different ways - crawling, hopping, skipping, jumping etc.. On a Thursday we will be using large bouncy balls to practise rolling, pushing, bouncing and throwing. We will also be learning and playing some team games. 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 as a snack.

### Key dates/information

10<sup>th</sup> January - Space Dome Experience (at school)

15<sup>th</sup> January - World Religion Day (Sunday)

19<sup>th</sup> January - School Census

3<sup>rd</sup> February - NSPCC Number Day

6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> February - Children's Mental Health Week

7<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - Rabbit Class Reading Café 2.30pm School Hall**

10<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of term (full day - back to school Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February)

