



# Rabbit Class Newsletter

## Spring Term 1 2024



**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 'Dazzling Dinosaurs'** We will be learning about how to use evidence from the past to discover how dinosaurs lived, what they ate and what they looked like. The children will be learning about the life and important work of Mary Anning and follow in her footsteps in becoming dinosaur hunters! We will be investigating what made dinosaurs extinct and we will also be looking at fossils and how they inform us about life in the past.

**Key experience:** The children will become dinosaur hunters. They will go hunting for dinosaurs in the forest school and search for fossils like archeologists.

**Key outcomes:** The children will learn about the past. They will be able to explain that dinosaurs are extinct. They will learn about key person Mary Anning and be able to explain why her work around fossils was so important.

## Discrete Teaching Programmes

### Maths

We will be focusing on measuring this term. The children will learn how to measure length and height first using cubes and then using a ruler. We will measure the length of a T-Rex on the playground using metre sticks and see how many of our feet would fit inside a dinosaurs. The children will also practice measuring weight using balance scales. We will make our own weighing scales using coat hangers and children will sort objects based on their length, weight, shape, colour etc

### Literacy

We will be continuing with the Little Wandle phonics programme. Please see the table below which shows what will be taught his term. We have moved on to phase 3 graphemes which contain mostly digraphs (2 letters 1 sound) and a few trigraphs (3 letters 1 sound). We will continue to send home sound cards weekly as well as new tricky words to practice with your child.

### **Reception Spring 1**

	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

In RE this term, we are learning about: 'Which stories are special?'. We will be looking at new testament stories and finding out what Jesus did when he grew up.

### PE

We are continuing to practice ball skills this term. We will learn how to push, roll, bounce, throw and catch a ball. We will also be playing 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. Library books will be changed on Mondays only. Children will read in a group within class and have phonics/handwriting lessons daily. Home learning will be sent via ClassDojo. This can be completed across the week and brought in for extra class dojo points.

Please ensure outdoor waterproofs and warm fleeces/hoodies are in school for our forest school sessions on a Tuesday 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, cookies, NUTS or crisps for snack.

### Key dates/information

11<sup>th</sup> January - Help save lives First Aid classes for children  
18<sup>th</sup> January - Themed lunch (Superhero)  
22<sup>nd</sup> January - BOUNCE Trampolining Workshop (At school)  
29<sup>th</sup> January - 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Whizz Kidz Fundraising week  
1<sup>st</sup> February - Whizz Kidz Fun Run  
2<sup>nd</sup> February - NSPCC Number Day  
5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February - Children's Mental Health Week  
6<sup>th</sup> February - Safer internet day  
9<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of term (full day)

