



Rabbit

CLASS

NEWSLETTER

Welcome...

Welcome back to school after our Christmas break. There are lots of exciting learning times planned for Rabbits to enjoy. We have a new topic and will be learning all about Extreme Weather and Seasonal Changes.

Kind regards from Rabbit Staff

MATHS

Rabbits will be reminding ourselves about the importance of number, place value and addition/subtraction this half term. Children will still need to be learning and reciting numbers up to 20 and beyond, alongside showing they can form their numbers correctly, they will also have lots of fun with our problem solving during lessons. Maths homework will continue to be set weekly, on Friday and is due back the following week. Ask your child what they have been learning during the week and encourage them to practise these skills at home with you.

LITERACY

This half term we will be learning new skills to help us read and write more. This will involve lots of practise with how to read and answer questions in a group, as well as learning lots more sounds and words. Our weekly spellings will continue and the children will still be taught in their appropriate phonics groups. There will be practise sessions for the forthcoming Year 1 phonics tests too. Home readers will continue to be checked twice weekly and our new Readers scheme continues, please ensure you are reading at home at least four times a week. Our English lessons will be based on weather stories and reports.

Timetable for the week

PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday.

When children come into school, there are morning activities for them to participate in. In addition, each day there is a phonics and separate guided reading lesson as part of the English curriculum teaching. Individual readers will be heard by MDSA's and teaching staff where possible. Home reader books are changed twice weekly.

Topics

Our focus for this half term is Extreme Weather and Seasonal Changes so, where possible, morning lessons will use resources relating to this topic.

In Science and Geography, we will be looking at seasonal changes and extreme weather and how these affect us and our environment.

In Art & Design we will be using different mediums to create weather and seasonal pictures.

Music will be looking at different rhythms and styles.

Our Computing lessons will look at how to write a simple program.

PE will see us developing ball control skills and lots of outdoor exercise, weather permitting.

RE finds us studying Hindu stories and books.

DATES for your diary:

Friday 12th January – Rabbit class assembly (moved from autumn term)

Friday 9th February – last day of school before half term

(Friday 23rd March - Rabbits class assembly)

Our Golden Rules:

Beck Row Primary Academy now has 'Golden Rules', which replace our former 'Beck Row Values'. All children will be encouraged to learn these Golden Rules and live by them whilst at school:

I use my manners.

I listen.

I put my hand up.

I help others.

I tidy up.

They are quick to learn and easy to remember. Children will receive house points and dojos for exhibiting these learning behaviours.

Ways that you can help your child at home this half term:

Continue to practise phonics at home with your child. If they are unsure of what sounds they are learning or their group, ask us! If you or they have concerns or they're unsure of anything, teaching staff are always available after school, or by appointment for private matters. We would rather share issues, than sort out problems!

Ensure your child has a coat daily and their own, named water bottle.

Have a clean PE kit in school at all times. Though we have set PE slots, we do sometimes like to do additional exercise in the afternoon!

Listen to your child read and encourage them to explain what they have enjoyed about their home reader. Remember to fill in their reading planners so we know when they are ready for a new book. Tell us if they are finding their book too easy/hard or that it is just right!

Reinforce our 'Golden Rules' at home too please. We are also running a 'Reach for the stars' reward system where displays of positive learning behaviours will be rewarded with daily golden time.

Support your child's attempts at completing their weekly homework, allowing them to complete as much as possible by themselves.. It will be their chance to show off to us and yourselves. Feel free to write comments once their work is finished to tell us how you think they coped