



Rabbit

CLASS

NEWSLETTER

Welcome...

Welcome back to school after our half term break. There are lots of exciting learning times planned for Rabbit Class to enjoy. We have a new topic and will be learning all about Significant People.

The Staff in Rabbit Class

MATHS

Rabbits will be working on measuring length and height using non-standard and standard units, and capacity 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 continuing to learn 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 continue to be practise sessions for the forthcoming Year 1 phonics tests too. Home readers will also be checked twice weekly, as before, 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 a mix of stories and texts.

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 Significant People so, where possible, morning lessons will use resources relating to this topic.

In Science we will be looking at Animals and grouping them in different ways.

In History we are exploring the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole – do you know who these ladies are?

In Art & Design we will be using different resources to plan, design and make our very own moving item – we can't say any more now or it will spoil the surprise!!

Music will continue to look at different rhythms and styles.

Our Computing lessons will be looking at the internet and how we use it safely and appropriately.

PE will see us developing our gymnastic skills with various ways to jump and land safely. We will also be using some of the equipment in school to help our learning. As the weather is getting drier, we will be using the outdoor environment more, so please ensure all children have the correct PE kit for both inside and outside lessons.

RE finds us studying Christian stories and books.

DATES for your diary:

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day

Friday 23rd March - Rabbit class assembly

Thursday 29th March – Last day of term

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 ticks on our chart 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.