



Rabbits

CLASS



NEWSLETTER

Welcome...

Welcome back to school after our Easter break. There are lots of exciting learning times planned for Rabbits to enjoy. We have a new topic and will be learning all about In the Town, In the Country.

Kind regards from Miss Wood and Mrs Pooley.

MATHS

Rabbits will be working on position and direction, money and time. Children will still need to be learning and reciting numbers up to 50 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 alongside English homework, and the children will still be taught in their appropriate phonics groups. They 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. Please make sure that they have a named PE kit in school for these.

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 In the Country, In the Town so, where possible, morning lessons will use resources relating to this topic.

In Science we will be looking at scientists and inventors and carrying out lots of investigations.

In Geography we are comparing the countryside and town. Looking at similarities and differences with reasons why.

In Art & Design we are going to be getting dotty about art! We will be looking at the artwork of the aborigines and Seurat.

Music will continue to look at different rhythms and styles. They will also comment on what they liked and disliked about the pieces.

Our Computing lessons will look at writing simple programmes and editing them.

PE will see us developing our dance skills and creating short sequences to show each other. 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 Judaism: Leaders and Teachers. We will be reading stories about the leaders and finding out what lessons can be learnt from them.

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 named 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.

When you are out and about look at the different features of where you are. Discuss these with your child.