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Rabbit's Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a pleasure welcoming the children back to school. We have had a great week getting to know each other and learning our new classroom routines.

Rabbit Class Staff Team

As well as myself, we are joined in Rabbits this year by Mrs Martin. She is with us every morning and Monday - Thursday in the afternoons. On Thursday afternoons during my planning allowance, the class will be taught by our specialist music staff and will have a PE lesson taught by Mrs Sinclair.

Our Topics

Our first topic this year is: 'My Journey So Far...'. We will be looking at 'journeys' in many different contexts: From journeys in books, to our journey through life so far, we will be exploring the concept of a journey and what it means. We will be linking much of our learning to the picture book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker; where the children will be using their imagination to create a journey for the main character. We will be linking this learning to our science where we will look at life cycles of different animals. In geography, we will be looking at our location, creating maps of our locality and exploring the different types of buildings in the village. The topic will provide us with many of our learning opportunities across the curriculum, feeding into our English, history, art and DT lessons.

Our Science thread of 'Sensational Seasons' will start with a study of Autumn and will continue throughout the academic year. Our main Science focus is 'Animals including humans' where we will focus on hygiene and nutrition.

As the term progresses, our topic then moves on to "weather"- More details will be released closer to the time.

PE

PE sessions will be on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child arrives to school in their PE kits on these days. As the weather changes, they will need tracksuit bottoms so that PE sessions can continue outside.

Reading

The children need their book bags and reading book with diaries in school **everyday**. Your child is responsible for changing their own reading books as and when they need to, however we will remind anyone who has forgotten and support them until they are ready to do this alone. Please hear your child read regularly, but as the books become longer, please do not feel pressure to finish a whole book in one night. Don't forget to write

comments in the reading record. These are very useful to the adults in the classroom as they allow us to understand more about your child's reading skills.

In the classroom, we aim to hear your child read individually at least once a week, in addition to a Guided Reading session.

Spellings

Homework will commence on the week beginning 21st September. Your child will bring home a homework pack, that will include spellings (usually 8) that they can practise throughout the week, a spelling sheet to apply the spelling rule and a maths sheet with guidance. The homework will have the date it is due printed on it and children will have a spelling quiz to check progress.

Water Bottles

Please bring a named water bottle into school each day; it can be re-filled throughout the day.

Help!

Many hands are hugely beneficial and therefore if you have any time to help in class I would be most grateful. Reading with everyone each week is very difficult- If you are able to give an hour or two of your time, it really takes the pressure off and helps us to hear every child read each week.

If you have any concerns, please email me on the address below.

Thank you for your continued support,

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