



News from Rabbits Class

Dear Parent or Carer,

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first couple of weeks in Year 1. How the time has flown by! They are probably feeling quite tired as the process of adjusting to new people, places, routines and expectations can be quite a challenge both mentally and physically. This is also true for the adults!

We are really pleased with the progress your child has made and would like to thank you for your support during this time of transition. We'd also like to thank you for your patience as we struggle to match you to your child! You will need to bear with us a little bit longer, as not seeing your child every day makes this important process more difficult.

In Year 1 we encourage your child to become as independent as possible and would appreciate your on-going support in the following ways:

- Continue to support your child to come into class by themselves; taking responsibility for their belongings.
- Name all your child's clothes (including PE kit) so they can take care of them and not become distressed when they inevitably misplace or muddle up their things with the other 28 five year olds in the class!
- Support your child with daily reading and weekly Home Learning. Your child has brought their Home Learning Book home today and inside there are details of how you can help with this.
- Ensure your child brings their reading folder every day and remind them to put it in the box if their book needs changing or in their tray if it does not. When your child has read, please sign, date and/or comment in their reading record so as to make sure they receive a sticker and a ticket to enter our weekly class 'reading raffle'. Two winners are drawn out each week and they receive a small prize from our 'golden box'.

- Ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week. PE is timetabled for Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning, but may need to be altered due to the weather or other events in school. PE kits will come home each Friday, should you wish to wash them or check that your child's plimsolls still fit!
- Ask your child about their learning. As most children of this age will respond to this question by telling you that 'they played all day', here's a flavour of what your child has been learning in Rabbits Class this week:

Maths

- ✓ Counting forwards and backwards to 30 in ones and to 50 in tens.
- ✓ Finding one more and one less for numbers up to 30.

English

- ✓ Daily reading and phonics.
- ✓ Learning to name letters of the alphabet and matching capital letters to lower case letters.
- ✓ Using a capital letter for names and for writing 'I'.

Topic/Foundation Subjects

- ✓ Practising underarm throwing in PE.
- ✓ Beginning a cross-curricular topic called 'Can party food be healthy?'
- ✓ Finding places we visited in the summer holidays on a map, recognising the flag of the country and learning a few facts about where we have been. This will be an on-going lesson throughout the year, so if you and your child visit anywhere interesting, we want to know!

We hope this newsletter has been informative, but if there is anything further you need to know or ask, please see us at the end of the school day.

Best Wishes,



Mrs Thompson & Mrs Murison

