

## Rabbit Class

Welcome to Rabbit Class! The children have had a brilliant first week back and I am looking forward to a busy year of learning ahead.

Our new learning theme for this half term is...

“London’s burning...”

Our focus will be on British History, in particular the Great Fire of London. Most of our learning will be linked to our main theme, although some subjects i.e. Maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In English, Rabbit class will be recapping our grammar (SPAG) knowledge to start the year off before moving on to reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books around the Great Fire of London.

Our writing will be focused on building writing stamina and developing our descriptive writing.

This half term we will also be working on spelling the ‘Common Exception Words’ from Year 1 to ensure that the children know and apply these in their writing.

In Maths, the focus for the first half term will be number and place value. Having a solid understanding of numbers is vitally important so that the children can then go on to confidently add, subtract, multiply and divide.

We will also look at how numbers can be represented and partitioned as well as counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

### PE kit:

PE will be on **Monday**. The children should come to school dressed in their PE kit.

PE kit: Black/navy tracksuit bottoms, black/navy shorts, white t-shirt and Pines jumper.

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In History, our focus will be on significant events (The Great Fire of London).

This half term in Science, we will be asking, ‘What is Science?’. We will be looking at famous discoveries and learning to ask questions and make predictions.

In RE, we will be thinking about ‘why is belonging to God and the church family important to Christians?’

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. In addition, all children are provided with a healthy choice of fruit everyday so you do not need to send your child in with a snack.

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a Pines books bag. We do not have space for backpacks in our cloakroom area.

### How to support your child at home:

Sharing stories and listening to your child read can really help further their learning at home. I completely understand that life can be busy, but even 5 minutes a day can make a big difference. We are continuing with our ‘Stars in the Jar’ initiative. Every time your child reads at home they will get a star stamp and after 3 stamps, they get a star put into the jar.

In this first term, our Maths will be focused on number and place value. Any counting, number recognition or practising of doubling/halving would be fantastic!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak with me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Stopps

### Dates for your diary:

**Meet the Teacher:** 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Half Term:** 23<sup>d</sup> October

**Staff Training Day:** 30<sup>th</sup> October