



# Pilgrims' Way Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Rabbit Class Children,

Welcome back to term 5, we hope you had a lovely two weeks. We have lots of exciting opportunities planned for the children this term.

I am so pleased to tell you that Rabbit class are now confident to develop their own ideas for their learning. At their request we will be learning about dinosaurs this term and creating a fairy garden outside. Why not ask your child what they would like to learn about dinosaurs? We would love to build on their ideas.

Planning for this term is on Rabbit class page on our website and I will continue to share what we are learning via DoJo. We love to see your photos about what your child is enjoying on DoJo, so please continue to share these. Our first book is the delightful **The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle**. We begin with hatching caterpillars, caring for them and releasing them as butterflies.

## Preparing for Year 1

This term and next term we start to prepare children for moving into Year 1, by extending our whole class teaching sessions and developing children's ability to write more and more. The children are very proud that they are able to do this and feel very grown up.

To encourage the children's writing skills, we are introducing Writer of the Week, children who have made good progress and showed effort in their writing will receive a special pencil.



I would like to invite you to a writing lesson, you can see how we teach writing and then children will complete some writing for you to see. This will be held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 9.10-9.30**.

In our maths learning we learn how to share amounts, odd and even numbers and subtraction.

We teach all children to read by our daily phonics lesson and teaching children to read one to one with a member of staff. Your child's reading book is matched to their term 4 phonics assessment. Phonic books are changed each day and children are able to choose a library book from our class library on a Monday and Friday. Children need to read 5 times a week and bring their book bag in each day.

## Staffing in Rabbit Class

I am very fortunate to have a fantastic team working with me. Miss Loder and Mr Walsh work each day with me. Mrs Barrett works each morning with us, supporting the teaching of reading. We also have two volunteers Mrs Harrington and Miss Vicount who are part of our Rabbit family.

## Learning outside

We encourage the children to take part in digging, looking at insects and moving logs and wood. All these activities are risk assessed, closely monitored by staff and children are taught to wash their hands after handling earth or insects. Their learning behaviour outside is excellent.



**Water bottles, sunscreen and sun hats**

Please send in a named, filled water bottle each day. As the weather becomes warmer, please send in a named sunhat. If you would like your child to have an additional layer of sun cream at lunchtime, send in a named tube of cream. We are not able to apply the cream, but with your verbal consent, we can guide children's hand to hard-to-reach places like the back of their neck. While we do spend lots of time outside, we are mindful if it is becoming too hot and we ensure that children do not become sunburnt or thirsty.  
Insert picture of forest school and PE

**PE** is inside on a **Wednesday morning**; we will be learning how to balance and move along apparatus. Please send children in their PE kit and put their uniform in a bag, they can change back after PE.

**Forest school** continues to be on a **Thursday morning**. Please send your child in their Forest school clothing. Children still need long sleeved tops and trousers for Forest school, so that their arms and legs are not scratched.

Thank you for all your support. If you have any questions about your child's learning, please speak to me.

Kind regards

Miss Anecchiarico and Rabbit class team.