



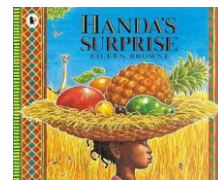
# Rabbits

## Autumn Term



Happy Autumn term everyone! I hope that you all had a wonderful Summer break and made lots of lovely family memories together. I am so happy to welcome back our Year 1 children, and I am also very excited to welcome our new Reception children to our Rabbits team. I am looking forward to watching all of the children embrace their new learning experiences this term, and have lots of fun together.

In preparation for our visit to West Midlands Safari Park in October, in English we will be looking at the story 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne; focusing on developing our mark making and writing skills. In Year 1 we will be focusing on using adjectives and conjunctions to eventually create our own Oliver Jeffers inspired story maps.



We will all be developing our phonics recognition, and decoding (reading) skills through daily Read Write Inc Phonics sessions, alongside reading in English lessons and story times. Year 1 will be nurturing their comprehension skills by taking part weekly comprehension lessons.

In Maths we will be focusing on place value of number, and really 'getting to grips' with recognising and representing numbers. Year 1 will be working on using what they know (e.g. number facts) to support their work, and also explaining what they know through problem solving and reasoning activities

In the afternoons, we will be learning through even more creativity and exploration! In science, we will be learning about animals and their habitats. Whilst in our humanities subjects, we will be learning more about the world around us and how it is different to the past. We will be focusing on developing our core strength in both our PE and outdoor learning sessions. **Outdoor learning** will be on a **Tuesday**, and **PE** will be on a **Friday**; please ensure that appropriate kit is in school for those days.



### Supporting learning at home

**Reading** – Reading books will be changed in school on a Friday, and will relate to your child's weekly Phonics learning. In addition, if your child has read at **least 3 times at home**, they will also be able to take their book with an adult on a Tuesday. It is of utmost importance that children read regularly at home in order to apply and cement the knowledge they get at school. Your comments in their reading diary are also greatly appreciated, and each dated comment will be counted towards our school's Rainbow Readers! Reception reading books will be sent home within the coming weeks.

**Spellings (Year 1)** – Age-appropriate spellings will be set each **Thursday**, to be tested the following **Thursday**. Children are expected to practise these spellings at home in preparation for their test. Results for spelling tests can be shared with you by classroom staff.

**Seesaw** – Your child's updated Seesaw QR code will be sent home shortly, and should be used to access the app. Please remember to update the page with any home learning that you'd like to share. Staff in school will be updating pages with learning from school too.



**Don't forget to keep checking for important updates.**

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate, waterproof, outdoor clothing to school. We ask that wellies and additional waterproof clothing are kept in a named bag on their peg, so that they are readily accessible each Tuesday.



Bookbags and reading books are expected to be in school each day, this is to enable your child to read with an adult at school. We ask that you also check these daily for any letters/ important information. Please ensure that water bottles are not be stored in bookbags, to avoid school books getting wet.

Healthy/appropriate snacks can be provided from home for break times; please remember that crisps and chocolate are not permitted. Children should bring **water** to school each day in a named water bottle.



Please ensure **cardigans, jumpers and water bottles** are clearly labelled to avoid loss!

I look forward to working with you this term to ensure that your child has the best start to their new year group. I am very excited to watch them flourish in confidence and independence over the next few months, and share all of their new learning experiences with you.

Please do feel free to come and talk to me about any further questions or queries that you may have.

Miss Evans