



Bumblebee Class Newsletter

Monday 6th – Friday 10th October 2025



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for coming to our Harvest performance this afternoon. The children have been working so hard and were very excited to show you their work and beautiful singing. A BIG well done to Bumblebees – you were all brilliant!!

Maths

We have been learning about comparing numbers this week. Mop and his friend Foxy could not decide who had the most toys and so the children helped them learn that whoever has **the biggest number** of objects has **more** than the other person or the **most**. We have started learning about **one more than** up to the number six.

Phonics

This week we learned five more sounds in our phonics lessons. These are:

j	v	y	w	th
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Today we learnt our second **digraph** sound. A digraph is when two letters together make one sound. In Read Write Inc phonics lessons, we call digraphs '**special friends**'.

PE

This half term we are learning how to move around the dining hall in different ways and this week we used benches and mats to help us learn a set of basic exercises. We have also been learning how to behave appropriately and respectfully in our PE lessons, making sure we are ready to learn. Next week, we will be learning how to change into our PE kits for the first time. Over the weekend please make sure all of your child's school uniform is **clearly labelled with their first name**.

School Lunches

I just wanted to let you know that on Tuesday many Bumblebee children did not like the tomato pasta or chicken enchilada bake option. We think this is because the tomato pasta sauce had lentils in it and the enchilada had kidney beans inside. My team and I realised that on the menu sent home you may not have had the ingredients side, so I have given you all a photocopy of the school lunch menu which lists ingredients for you to see and have put these in your child's book bag. This is the only day so far where the

children were not keen, so I think next time jacket potato might be a popular option on this day. In general Bumblebee Class are excellent eaters and we will of course continue to support and encourage the children to continue trying new food.

Phonics Workshop

I will be running a phonics workshop for Bumblebee Class parents on **Tuesday 4th November at 5:00 – 5:30pm**. During the workshop, I will explain how we teach phonics to our children at Ropley using the Read, Write, Inc approach and how you can support your children with their reading skills at home.

The workshop will take place in Bumblebee Classroom. Please can you let me know, either at the gate or via email if you will be attending so I know how many resources to provide and how many adult-sized chairs to set up in class. I hope you will find it a useful workshop as reading is such an important and crucial skill in life. Thank you.

Key Dates for Next Week

Monday 13th October

Bumblebee Class **Library** slot – please make sure your child has their library book in their book bag, so they can change it today.

Outdoor Learning – if your child does not have their weelies and outdoor learning gear in school, please send it in with them, thank you.

Tuesday 14th October

PE with Miss Fisher-Smith

Friday 17th October

Reading Tasks changed – new sounds.

We hope you enjoyed our class Harvest performance this afternoon. I am very proud of Bumblebees.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher-Smith
Bumblebee Class Teacher