



# Bumblebee Class Newsletter

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025



Dear Parents,

## Maths

We have been exploring shape this week. We have been learning how to recognise basic 2d shapes; circle, square, rectangle, triangle and hexagon. We have been using mathematical language to describe the shapes too, for example “A **circle** has **one curved side** and **zero sides**. We have completed shape hunts in our learning environment.

## Phonics

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

<b>z</b>	<b>ch</b>	<b>qu</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>ng</b>
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A digraph is when two letters together make one sound. In Read Write Inc phonics lessons, we call digraphs ‘**special friends**’.

## Phonics Workshop

I will be running a phonics workshop for Bumblebee Class parents on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 child 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.

## Christmas Card Designs

For the last couple of days, we have been designing our own Christmas cards which you can purchase if you would like to. Your child's design can be ordered as a Christmas card, gift labels and much more. Your child's design is in their book bag today. I believe the office are going to or have sent out a separate email about this, as it is another FROGS PTA fundraiser for school.

You will need to complete your order online and then you **must** return the form with your child's design on, to Mrs Howling at the school office, so she can send them all off to the company to print. Your child's form must be returned to the school office by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

## Key Dates for Next Week

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Parents' Evening 1**

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

PE with Miss Fisher-Smith

### **Parents' Evening 2**

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Reading Tasks changed – new sounds.

**Last day of autumn term one** – normal school day 8:35-3:15

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher-Smith  
Bumblebee Class Teacher