



Bumblebee Class Newsletter

Monday 15th – Friday 19th September 2025



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Bumblebee Class newsletters. It has been so lovely getting to know the children this week, as they begin their journey in school. I am already so proud of them all – they have been superstars this week and are settling in well to their new routines and expectations at school. A BIG well done to Bumblebees!

This week we have enjoyed a tour around the school, meeting other children and adults. We have been busy learning each other's names and exploring our new classroom environment and toys. Bumblebees have been excellent at tidying up, remembering to put the toys back where they belong.



School Lunches

We enjoyed our first school lunches this week and many children even chose to go back for some more salad and pasta! We have been talking about good table manners and how it is polite to use our knives and forks to eat our food, as well sitting at the table nicely. Bumblebees have been brilliant at using their cutlery and most children tried to cut their own food. An excellent start to the school year!

Phonics

This week, we have learnt our first five sounds; m, a, s, d and t. We have even practised reading our very first words too – the children were so excited! We read the words; am, Sam, mat, mad, sat and sad.

Today, your child has brought home their yellow reading record and the first five sounds to practise. Here at Ropley, we expect **all** children to practise their reading skills at home **five** times a week. In Reception class, this will look very different to the rest of the school, as we are at the very beginning stages of reading. Each time you hear your child read, please date and initial in their reading record. Reading in Bumblebee class could include any of the following during the autumn term;

- Practising the sounds of the week
- Going on a sound hunt
- Listening to a bedtime story

- Completing school reading tasks (when I have assessed your child to be ready)
- Spotting sounds or words on street signs or in shops.

Please leave your child's yellow reading record in their book bag every day, thank you.

Child sickness and Medical Appointments

If your child is unwell, please phone the school and leave a message on the absence line. The phone is checked first thing each morning by Mrs Howling. Please do not email the office if your child is unwell, as the message might not be picked up until later in the day.

If your child has a doctor's appointment, dentist or hospital appointment, please let the school office know. You may notify them via email in advance or by telephone. Thank you.

Our First Week at School

Here are some picture from our first week together. This afternoon, I even enjoyed my very first Bumblebee Class show of the year – we have many children with some great dance moves!!!



Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher-Smith
Bumblebee Class Teacher