



Bumblebee Class Newsletter

Monday 13th – Friday 17th July 2026



Dear Parents,

Maths

In maths this week we have continued to practise using our rekenreks to support our learning in maths. We counted to 100 this week, which was very exciting! Most bumblebees are now secure with their number bonds to five and are working on learning the number bonds to ten. Their confidence with maths this half term has grown significantly and we are very proud of them all.

Computing

This week, we have been using our school Beebots. These are programmable toys and I have been very impressed with the children's skills at programming instructions to move the Beebot around our classroom environment. Fantastic learning Bumblebees!



This afternoon, we were very lucky to welcome Jonty's mummy Emma into school, to complete a couple more computing and programming tasks. Each child had a turn at using kinetic sand to make their own short animation videos, as well as making their own spinning robots. A **BIG** thank you to Emma for supplying the resources and giving up her time to lead this excellent workshop. The children loved the activities this afternoon and learnt so much from Emma.

RE – Jewish Traditions

In RE this week, we learnt about the Jewish tradition of Shabbat. Again, the children were excellent learners and really took on board what tasks are allowed to happen during Shabbat, such as; playing board games with your family and those tasks that are not allowed, such as; cooking and turning on/ off lights.

As a class, they worked together in partners to sort out pictures into two groups to consolidate their learning. We also thought about similarities and differences between Shabbat and Christian events like Christmas and Easter. Excellent learning Bumblebees!

Snacks

Next Monday we will have our last fruit delivery, which will have to last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday snack times. Recently, we have been receiving a lot of sweet peas and tomatoes. Some children like these, many are not so keen. Therefore, please would you be able to send in a snack for your child in their book bag, in addition to the snack we provide as a school. We do not know what we will be receiving until the fruit is delivered and I am aware some children have not been liking the fruit on offer as much the last couple of weeks. Snacks are not allowed to contain chocolate or nuts. Some examples of snacks that are allowed are:

- Mini cheddars
- Crackers
- Fruit
- Granola bar
- Scones
- Fruit bars

Reading and Library Books

Today, I changed your child's reading book for the weekend. Please could you return **all** reading books and library books on **Monday**, so we can complete a stock check over the summer holiday. During the day on Monday, we will collect your child's reading and library books from their book bags and return them to where they belong in school.

Reports

Your child's annual written School Report is coming home to you today for you to read. I have put them in your child's book bag. I hope you enjoy reading them. They were a joy to write and I am genuinely so proud of every child in Bumblebee Class. They have all made tremendous progress this year and have grown into enthusiastic and independent learners. Well done Bumblebees!

Book Bags

Next week, we will be sending home the children's Learning Journey's, Phonics Books and artwork. Today, I handed out quite a bit of artwork, so this weekend please could you go through your child's book bag and empty them ready for next week. All they need in their book bags next week are their library and reading books to return, teddy words (if they have not completed the challenge yet), their yellow reading record and a snack.

Please could you also send in a **named bag**, so that we can start putting some of their workbooks and other learning in them on their pegs, ready for them to bring home on Tuesday. Thank you.

Beekeeper and Bumblebee Buddy Trip to Ropley Park

On Monday afternoon, we will be completing our annual trip to Ropley Park with our Beekeeper buddies. It provides the children with an opportunity to spend some time together, before Year 6 move onto their Secondary schools in September. We also exchange cards and celebrate all our achievements from the academic year. It is always an enjoyable trip.

Bumblebee Class Teddy Bears' Picnic

On **Tuesday 21st July**, Bumblebees can bring in **one soft toy of their choice** to school. We will be completing some teddy bear activities in the morning, before enjoying a small teddy bears' picnic in the afternoon. We will enjoy some homemade biscuits and fruit before taking part in some more teddy bear challenges in our outside area.

Key dates for next week

Monday 20th July

- **PLEASE return ALL reading and library books to school**
- Beekeeper Buddy trip to Ropley Park

Tuesday 21st July

- Bumblebee Class Teddy Bears' Picnic. Your child may bring in **one soft toy of their choice** to school for the day.

Wednesday 22nd July

- Our last day together. School Finishes at **01:05pm** for the summer holidays.

We are nearly there! Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher-Smith
Bumblebee Class Teacher