



Bumblebee Class Newsletter

Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October



Dear Parents,

Maths

In maths this week, we have been exploring **more than** and **fewer than** within the numbers to five. Mop, our maths buddy and his friend Bumble have helped us to recognise which group of objects has more than. We have been counting to ten and backwards using our fingers and the children have been helping me each day to count how many children are in school. I am impressed with Bumblebee's counting to twenty-six!

Phonics

This week we learnt the following sounds in our daily phonics lessons:

l	h	sh	r	j
v				

Phonics Workshop for Parents

Thank you so much to all of you who could attend on Wednesday, I hope you found it useful. I will be uploading the Phonics Workshop Powerpoint to our school website over the weekend, so you should be able to access it by Monday.

Home Reading

At Ropley, we expect all children to read at home **at least five times a week** and for it to be recorded in your child's Home Reading Record. In Bumblebee class, this could be **five minutes** where you support your child with recognising the sounds taught in class, or if your child is ready, a small group of children have started bringing home their first reading books. During this first half term, I assess the children regularly on which sounds they can recognise and when they are ready to start blending sounds together, I will send home their first reading book. These books are very expensive so please make sure you leave them in your child's book bag and they need to be returned **every Friday**.

Drawing Club

We are in our third week of Drawing Club in Bumblebee Class. Drawing Club provides children with the opportunity to expand their vocabulary with a different focus book each week and encourages them to develop their early mark-making skills.

This week, our story was 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and the children have loved performing the story. This afternoon, we performed the story to Mr Mills – he thoroughly enjoyed the performance and was very impressed with Bumblebee's storytelling skills.

We have enjoyed it so much, we were wondering whether you would like to see it to. So, next **Friday 9th October at 3:00pm in the Dining Hall**, just before home time, if you would like to come along and see our performance of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', it would be lovely to see you there. It will only last around five minutes, then Bumblebees will return to class with me and I will dismiss them as normal at 3:15pm.

St. Peter's Church Visit

On Wednesday 7th October, we are going to visit St. Peter's Church to meet Reverend Amber, in preparation for the Harvest Church Service, the following Friday 16th October. We are going to sing some songs and listen to a couple of stories before returning back to school.

Dates for Next Week

Monday 5th October

Bumblebee Class visit to the school library. Please make sure your child's library book is in their book bag so they can swap it for another book today.

Wednesday 7th October

Bumblebee Class to visit Reverend Amber at St. Peter's Church (Approx 30 minutes)

Thursday 8th October

PE with Miss Fisher-Smith

Friday 9th October

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Reading tasks changed – new book (for those children who are ready) and the sounds of the week.

3pm - Bumblebee Class to perform 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to Bumblebee parents in the **Dining Hall**. Please enter via the school office.

Key dates to be aware of:

- Friday 16th October Harvest Service at 9.30am. Bumblebee Class will be attending the service and will perform a short poem, 'Leaves are Falling'.
- Tuesday 20th October Parents Evening
- Wednesday 21st October Parents Evening
- Monday 26th October – Half Term

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher-Smith
Bumblebee Class Teacher