

Welcome to Ropsley's Carle class!

We are so delighted to be teaching your child in their first year of school. This year the class will be named after Eric Carle, the author of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Bad-tempered Ladybird' and 'The Very Busy Spider'. Thank you for all of the wonderful family photographs which have already been sent to us, they have been added to our photo wall ready for when your child begins school. If you would like to still send us a photo, please email it to rebecca.spencer@ropsley.lincs.sch.uk.

Home Learning:

Reading books have already been sent out. One of these books is a library book for you to enjoy with your child, the other book currently is a non-word reading book to encourage discussion and story-telling skills. The books will be changed every Monday. Please keep your child's reading book in their bookbag as we try to read their book at least once a week in school (as well as doing daily reading using other texts). They will also receive a mini book where new sounds that they have learnt during phonics lessons will be added most days.

Outdoors/PE lessons:

PE and outdoor lessons will take place every Tuesday afternoon with Miss Bailey. Please can you send your child into school on Tuesdays wearing their PE kit.

Key events for this term:

- Week beginning—12/9/2022—Children can still come into school with parents at 8:50am when the bell has been rung. We feel that this will continue to help your child's transition into school. If they would like to come in on their own, they are more than welcome to do so!
- Our school's harvest festival service where each class will sing a song. Date TBC
- Parents' meetings will be held on Wednesday 12th October. More details will be sent out via parentmail.

Please see the next page for a break down of what your child will be covering for their first 7 weeks of this Autumn Term.

We look forward to working with you.

Mrs Spencer, Mrs Hickey and Mrs Handley

Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at reading, writing and making numbers to 7. We will also look at:

- Counting,
- Representing numbers in different ways
- Comparing numbers and amounts to 7
- Sorting objects
- 2D shapes—circles, triangles, squares and rectangles

Phonics

We will be beginning to learn the sounds that we need to read simple words using the Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme. Children will also learn to hear the initial sounds in words and to write these sounds. Books will be given out and collected in on a Monday. Please remember to sign your child's diary when they've read.

Talk 4 writing

Children will learn to sequence, retell and discuss the following texts:

- Goldilocks and the three bears
- The little red hen
- The three little pigs
- Lighting a lamp—A Divali story

All about me!

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RE

In RE lessons, children will be talking about their families and how we belong to a group. They will also learn about the baptism of Jesus and how children are baptised or christened today. We will also be getting our harvest song ready to perform in the school's church service.

EAD

EAD sessions will focus on exploring different types of media such as painting, printing, junk modelling, large scale construction, collage and clay work. Examples of activities that the children will undertake are: collaging the three little pigs houses, making a clay diva lamp and painting a picture of their own home.

End of day texts

- Six Dinner Sid
- I'm Absolutely Too Small for School
- Colour Monster

PSED

Jigsaw (PSED) will be entitled 'Being me in the world', with a focus on feelings, being kind and our rights and responsibilities.

We will also be learning about looking after the resources in our classroom and how to share them with our new friends.

Understanding the World

In our Understanding the World sessions, we will be looking at our families and at the different places of importance in Ropsley. We will also look at how Divali is celebrated around the world. Children will take part in wood school sessions where they will investigate the different seasons.

Physical Development

Children will take part in physical activities on Tuesday afternoons through PE lessons and wood school sessions. Please could they come to school in their PE kits.

They will also work on their pencil grip and take part in our lively dough disco sessions!