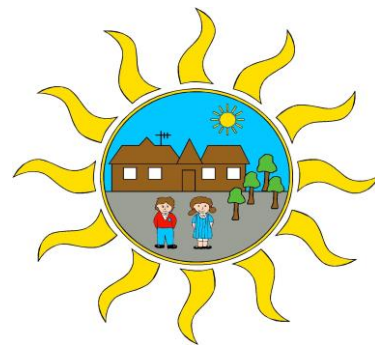


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Dear Parents

Welcome to Rabbits class and your first topic letter. Each term, you will receive a letter which outlines some of the learning taking place in school and the latest topic we are covering. This term is predominately about the children settling into school life, getting to know each other and our daily routines. However, we do also have a topic which we have named 'Turrets and Tiaras'.

Hopefully you will all be aware that very soon we are going on a trip to Portchester Castle. We hope to use this experience as a stimuli as we learn all about how castles are made and the people who live in them. We will explore a range of materials as we attempt to create our own castles and costumes for knights. Our role play area has become a castle where the Royal Rabbits reign planning royal events such as banquets and numerous coronations. Any costumes which your child would like to bring in to wear and share are very welcome but please ensure they are named.

Our topic is directed and guided by the interest of the children so anything your child would like to bring in and share, related to the topic, is always appreciated. Your child is also welcome to share with their class any significant events or activities that happen out of school. We will have a regular slot of a Thursday afternoon for 'show and tell' items but this will be flexible in order to accommodate part time children.

In a few weeks, your child will soon receive their eagerly awaited first reading books. The focus of these books is to encourage the children to look at the pictures discussing what they see and to tell their own stories. These books can also be read by you encouraging any talk of identified sounds, rhyme or repetition.

Starting from the 25<sup>th</sup> September, Every Wednesday morning between 9.00 and 9.15 I would like to invite you and any younger siblings to join us in the classroom for some shared reading. For the 15 minutes, we will have a choice of different books, or you can bring one from home, to share with your child and/or others. It would be a lovely opportunity for you to come in and spend some time in our classroom.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dinnis-Searle



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