



# FS2MOUSE CLUB

Term 1 – Week 3 (2024-2025)



## Welcome to Mouse Club at Home

Each week we will share an activity on our FS2 school website page. This activity will be linked to our weekly theme and your child will be given the opportunity to talk about what they have done at home during our daily Tapestry sessions. **Although this is not compulsory and we understand that some weeks are busier than others at home, we ask that this becomes part of your weekly routine.** The purpose and benefits of the activities are listed below. The children gain so much confidence through sharing their news in class and they all love to have their turn to show photographs of home news or a Mouse Club activity that they have tried.

## ECAT & Mouse Club

**Every Child a Talker (ECAT)** is a national project to develop the language and communication of children from birth to five years of age. Our weekly activities are all about engaging children and their families and by linking it with Mouse Club creates an excellent opportunity for you to become involved with your child's learning and to gain an understanding of some of the things we will be doing in school.

The activities are influenced by the ECAT project with the aim of developing your child's confidence with language and speaking in front of others as well as widening their experiences and vocabulary. Early language development is a key area of all of our work in the early years. The suggested activities will include a song or rhyme, a craft idea, and an online link which you can access freely from home.

We also love to hear any other news from home, including any adventures your child may have had with their mouse, day trips, and achievements.



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Please add a photograph of your child's activities to their Tapestry account with a brief description of what they did.

## Why Mouse Club?

**Mouse** is a new friend for your child to join them as they prepare for school.

They can talk to Mouse about going to school, and show Mouse what they can do.



Parents and carers are the most important teachers in their children's lives. Mouse Club provides opportunities to help your children to learn, in school and at home.

### Makaton

Makaton is regularly used in mainstream schools, to support all children to develop communication, language, and literacy skills. It also supports integration, as children with and without language difficulties can communicate with each other, learn, and play together more easily. This approach can also help people who are learning English as an additional language (EAL), helping them to communicate straightaway, while also supporting their learning.

Each week we introduce Makaton signs and symbols on our Mouse Club at Home page. Please click [here](#).

Remember to be enthusiastic when your child brings Mouse home:

- ✓ choose a name for Mouse
- ✓ may be make Mouse an outfit and a Mouse House
- ✓ mouse is invited to come to school every day – this is the **only** toy allowed from home
- ✓ Mouse will be involved in class activities
- ✓ remember to include Mouse in any photographs of home news or Mouse Club activities

### Mouse Club at Home

See the suggestions on the next page...

## Get ready for school

To prepare for school or nursery your child needs to...



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...be able to use a knife, fork or spoon



Your child can show Mouse how they can eat.



...have a good routine

Your child can brush their teeth and go to bed with Mouse.



...be toilet trained

Your child can show Mouse how they can use the potty or toilet.



...be physically active

Your child can take Mouse to the park.



...be able to dress independently

Your child can show Mouse how they get dressed.



...talk confidently

Your child can talk to Mouse about going to school.