



## Robins' Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

Firstly, we would like to welcome you all to Robins and say how wonderful the children have been. They have all settled well and you would never know they had not been to school before. Well done Robins.

### Curriculum

This half term our topic is 'All About Me'. Through this topic we will discuss what makes us special and different family dynamics. We will discover how to keep our self-healthy by choosing the right types of food and explore oral health as well. We will be introducing lots of new vocabulary. After half-term we will focus on different types of celebrations including, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.

In phonics we will begin Phase 1 which concentrates on developing children's speaking and listening skills and lays the foundations for Phase 2 when we begin to learn phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (letters). In school we use the Monster Phonics scheme. When the children begin to blend phonemes, they will bring home books related to the ones they have learnt in school that week. The children will bring home sound tags to practise their sounds and a 'tricky words' tag to practise words which cannot be 'sounded out'.

Our Math's focus over the term will be to match sort and compare different objects, before moving on to measuring and looking at different patterns. We will then look in depth at the numbers 1,2 and 3.

### Reading

Children will be sent home with a reading book and a reading record diary. Please can you ensure that you write in the diary when you read at home. The first set of books to come home will be Lilac books. These have no words in, but can you please look at each page and discuss what is happening, what may happen next, can they relate anything in the book to things they have seen or done at home? Books will then be sent home in stages of phonic level ability beginning with the phonemes s a t p i n. Can I please ask that once books are sent home water bottles are not placed into the book bags. It does not take much of a drip to ruin a book!

## PE

PE will be on Thursday afternoons. This will commence officially when the children are full time. The children will be getting changed for PE in class. They will need a PE kit, (white t-shirt and black shorts) and suitable footwear. If the weather is warm enough the lessons will take place outside.

## Water bottles and Snack

Thank you for sending in a named water bottle with water in every day. Could this please continue even when the weather gets colder. The school fruit delivery is now up and running again, however, if your child will only eat one particular fruit could you please continue sending this in every day.

## Show and Tell

Children can bring in one item from home or alternatively, you can send in a photo via Dojo message and I can put it on the interactive board for the children to talk about. I will send home Show and Tell Dates for the children on Dojo, these will be on a Friday.

## Forest School

After half-term the children will have a Forest School session every week on a Tuesday afternoon.

There may be times in a child's life when personal circumstances may affect their learning or behaviour at home. Please be reassured that we are here to support you at all times. We are at the gate at the start and end of each day or you can contact us via Dojo.

Thank you for your support and very kind words so far,

Miss Hales and Miss Rout



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