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ROBINS NEWS – AUTUMN 2

Welcome!

I hope you have all had a lovely and relaxing half term break! I am looking forward to welcoming the children back to Robins Class where we have another very busy and exciting term ahead of us.

Although we have parents evening coming up this term please remember that if you have any questions or concerns about your child, you can speak to me on the door at the end of the day, or you can send a message via the school office.
Mrs Newstead

Love 2 Read

Your child will read regularly in school during group reading using appropriately levelled Little Wandle books . This reading book will come home each week once we have read it in school. It would be helpful if you could record in your child's reading record any reading they have done at home. Please send reading books back on Thursday so, they can be changed for a new book to come home on Friday. Children will also have the opportunity to access the library on Friday and bring home a book to share with you.

Collective Worship and Values

You are all invited to our special celebration worship that takes place every Friday from 3:00. You do not need to book. You will also be invited if your son/daughter is due to receive a star or the week or Headteacher award. The theme for worship this term is Friendship.
If your child has any certificates/ trophies they have been awarded outside of school, please bring them to our Celebration Worship.

Termly Overview

The termly overview for this term is attached to this newsletter. . If you wish to access the overview at a later date, it will also be available on our school website:
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Expectations

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform and wears PE kit on our PE days which are on Tuesday and Thursday.
As the colder weather is approaching please make sure that your child brings a coat to school.
Please can I also ask that no toys or other items are brought into school,

Homework

Children in Year 2 are asked to complete a minimum of 15 minutes on TTRS each week. They will also receive spellings on a weekly basis.
All children will benefit from practising the terms KIRFs at home. These will be shared with you during the first week back at school and can also be found in our termly overview.
Regular reading at home really supports your child's reading development.



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TERMLY OVERVIEW

Pytchley Curriculum Focus:

English

Key Texts: The Disgusting Sandwich, Badgers and Christmas Poems

Purpose for Writing:

In the first part of the term, our English unit will focus on writing instructions. We will use the text The Disgusting Sandwich focusing on learning how to write clear step by step instructions and exploring how to sequence events in order using precise and direct language. Year 1 will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Year 2 will be beginning to extend their writing by organizing information clearly and using conjunctions to add detail in their writing.

In the middle two week of the term we will use the text Bodgers with a focus on writing a non chronological repot. The children will explore writing factual sentences, grouping ideas and linking vocabulary to a subject.

As we move towards the end of term, we will be looking at Christmas Poetry. In Year 1 the children will begin to explore rhyme, repetition and descriptive words while Year 2 will begin to use more precise vocabulary and consider how poets chose words carefully.

Maths

Key Facts: Year 1 – I can recall number bonds for each number to 5.

Key Facts: Year 2 – I can recall number bonds to 100 (multiples of 10)

Place Value to 100 – This term we will be continuing to develop our understanding of place value. In Year 1 the children will be building up their confidence in recognising, ordering and counting numbers beyond 20, while Year 2 children will be working with numbers up to 100. We will all be practising counting in tens, both forwards and backwards using number tracks, number squares and familiar counting patterns. Year 1 children will be focusing on building their fluency and Year 2 children will begin to apply this skill to early multiplication.

Geometry – In the later part of the term we will be exploring a range of 2D and 3D shapes. In Year 1 the children will begin to talk about the simple features of shapes such as sides and corners while in Year 2 the children will extend this by identifying vertices, edges and faces, describing the shapes using precise mathematical vocabulary.

History/Geography

Focus: Uk Countries

Children will be able to name and locate the UK on a map. They will also locate England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on a map of the UK. They will find out about seas around the UK and they will also explore compass points.

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Science

Focus: Biology

This term in science we will be looking at animals, including humans. We will be exploring the basic needs all animals need to survive. The children will be introduced to simple food chains, helping them to understand how animals find their food and how living things depend on each other in the natural world. The children will also be looking closely at the different structures of animals noticing features like body coverings and simple physical differences

Art/DT

Focus: Preparing vegetables

This term in Design and Technology the children will be learning how to prepare vegetables hygienically and safely. We will be exploring different salad ingredients, noticing colour, texture and shape and where in the UK the products are grown. The children will practise safe chopping skills before they prepare their own salad. We will then be evaluating the finished product, thinking about what went well and what we might change or improve next time.

Music

Focus: Dynamics

Children will make links between music, sounds and environments. They will use percussion instruments, vocals and body sounds to represent the seaside.

PSHE

Focus: Celebrating Differences

In PSHE this term we will be learning about celebrating our differences, thinking about what makes us the same and what makes us different. We will be talking about kindness and respect and how our actions affect the people around us. We will learn what to do if someone is unkind or makes us feel worried and how to speak to a trusted adult for help.

RE

Focus: What is the good news that Jesus brings?

This term we will be looking at the good news that Jesus brings. We will be exploring stories where Jesus helps people, shows kindness and teaches others how to care for one another. The children will consider how these ideas link to their own lives and how we can be helpful, forgiving and show love and kindness to others.

PE

PE Days are Tuesday and Thursday

Throughout this term we will be developing our ball skills using our hands. We will also be taking part in dance and learning how to move with rhythm in response to music.

Computing

Focus: Stop motion animation

In computing we will be learning about touch typing. The children will learn which are the home keys and how to use the spacebar and backspace correctly.

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