

ROBINS

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN
TERM



Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a brilliant summer. We can't wait to hear all about it! We are really looking forward to starting a new school year and seeing the amazing progress that all the children will make this year. Mrs Stockman will be teaching on a Monday and Tuesday, with Mrs Richmond teaching Wednesday to Friday. We are very lucky to have Mrs Ellis as our fabulous class teaching assistant.



Show and Tell

Show and Tell will take place on a Friday afternoon and will be done on a team colour rota. We will start with the green team this Friday. This is to allow children enough time to talk about their item and for the rest of the class to ask questions. Please ensure that their item relates to our topics or something you have done as a family to help develop their speaking and listening skills. Just bringing in a toy can often limit meaningful discussion and we tend to see the same thing each week. Please encourage your child to have a think about the kind of thing they would like to say when they present their object.

Homework and Support

Please encourage your child with their learning; your support really helps to develop their understanding and helps them in making the best progress. Please try to read with your child on a daily basis and record this in their diary when you have listened to them read at home, whether it is their school book or a book from home. Reading is so, so important and daily reading has such a big impact on their reading progress. Sharing books and discussing stories with your child really supports them in the development of their reading comprehension and understanding, which we will be heavily focusing on in Year 2.

Medical

Please could we remind parents with children that have asthma, to send in their asthma pumps as soon as possible.

If you think your child may need a change of clothes, please send some spare items in a small bag which can be kept on their peg.



The Curriculum

Below is a brief outline of some of the work we will be covering this term, which we hope will give you an insight into some of the learning the children will be engaging with in the coming weeks.

- English – Our work will follow the National Curriculum and the children will be focusing on fiction writing linked to the story ‘Traction Man’, then they will be doing letter writing, further fiction writing and poetry. In addition, we will focus on SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) which will be woven into our English lessons. Our first Guided Reading text will be a fun story called ‘Izzy Gizmo’.
- Maths – Our maths work will follow the National Curriculum using the White Rose scheme of learning. The children will be developing their understanding in a range of areas this term, including place value, addition and subtraction, shape and money.
- Geography/History – We will be alternating topics each half term. For Autumn 1 we will be starting with Geography, in which we will be learning about Framlingham to develop our locational knowledge and fieldwork skills. Next half term, we will move onto our first History topic of the year which will be Remembrance.
- Science – In Science, the children will begin with a unit about the human body before moving onto Living Things and their Environments after half term.
- Computing – In Computing, Robins will be learning about coding before moving on to online safety.
- Art/DT – The first part of the term will see the children developing their drawing skills and then moving onto a collage project using the artists Alice Fox, Andy Goldsworthy and Hassan Hajjaj as inspiration. The following term we will be using acrylic paint to create some expressive paintings looking at the work of Marelá Zacarías, Charlie French, Vincent Van Gogh and Cézanne.
- RE – In RE, we will be starting with Christianity and looking at the question ‘Why is belonging to God and the church family important to Christians?’. Next term, the focus will be on Islam, exploring how Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful.
- PSHE – PSHE lessons this half term will begin with ‘Being Me in My World’ in which we will think about our hopes and fears for the new school year, our rights and responsibilities, rewards and consequences and our class charter. After half term, we will move onto a new unit called ‘Celebrating Difference’.
- Music – In music, we will begin with a Call and Response unit with a West African theme. The children will be learning to use tempo, dynamics and timbre, they will practice playing in time with their peers, explore different instruments, sing melodies in time and at the correct pitch and perform their compositions. After half term, we will be learning and practicing the nativity songs in place of our weekly music lessons.
- PE – Children will have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure long hair is tied back on PE days and children are prepared to remove or cover piercings. PE sessions will begin with Fitness on a Tuesday and Fundamentals on a Wednesday. After half term, we will move onto Team Building and Ball Skills.

Please do feel free to come in and see us if you have any questions or concerns about your child. We feel it is important for us to work together to ensure the children are given the best opportunities to make progress, achieve their full potential and most importantly, enjoy the coming year!

Mrs Richmond & Mrs Stockman

