ROBINS CLASS NEWSLETTER

Let's Celebrate!

Autumn 2 | Reception & Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting half term in Robins Class. This term our learning is centred around the theme "Let's Celebrate", with lots of opportunities to explore different celebrations, traditions, festivals and special events as we move towards Christmas. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead, including Forest School, Nativity preparations and plenty of festive activities!

English

In Drawing Club and literacy sessions we will be enjoying a range of high-quality texts including:

- Pumpkin Soup
- Leo and the Octopus
- Paper Chase
- The Koala Who Could
- The Story of the Little Mole
- The Snowman
- The Christmas Pine

Phonics & Reading

Reception

Children will continue their phonics journey, learning new phonemes and digraphs whilst developing their blending and reading skills.

Year 1

Children will continue to strengthen their reading and spelling skills by applying their phonics knowledge to increasingly complex words and texts.

Mathematics

Reception: developing our understanding of

- Spatial reasoning
- Counting, ordinality and cardinality
- Comparison
- Composition of numbers

Year 1: learning about

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Geometry
- Consolidation and assessment activities

Understanding the World

History

- Learn about toys from the past and compare them with toys today.
- Consider how holidays and family life have changed over time.
- Share our own experiences of places we have visited.

Science: Materials

Children will:

- Explore wood, plastic, glass, metal and rock.
- Investigate different materials and their properties.
- Explore what happens when materials melt, freeze, float, sink and absorb water.
- Discover which materials absorb water.
- Carry out simple investigations and share their observations.

RE

We will:

- Learn about Diwali and why it is important to Hindus.
- Think about giving and receiving gifts.
- Learn about the Christmas story from a Christian perspective.
- Retell the Nativity story through the experiences of the shepherds and wise men.N

PE

Children will continue to develop their teamwork and ball skills by:

- Throwing and catching with a partner.
- Moving into space.
- Choosing simple tactics in games.
- Participating in festive invasion games towards the end of term.

Forest School

This half term we will enjoy:

- Creating journey sticks.
- Making bird feeders.
- Practising knot tying.
- Exploring the story of Stick Man.
- Using tools safely to create Christmas robin decorations.
- Finishing the term with hot chocolate.

PE: Wednesdays & Fridays

Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Forest School: Wednesdays

Please continue to send children with suitable outdoor clothing and wellies on Wednesdays for Forest School.

Creative Arts

We will be busy creating:

- Bonfire and fireworks artwork
- Diwali lamps
- Poppy printing
- Christmas decorations
- Christmas cards
- Advent wreaths
- Party decorations

Personal Development

Through our Jigsaw learning we will be exploring:

- Similarities and differences between people.
- Friendship and belonging.
- Kindness and inclusion.
- What bullying is and who can help us.
- Ways to make and keep friendships.

Dates for your diary

- 9th November – 'Book Look' after school
- 10th and 12th November – Parents Evenings
- 19th November – 'Ready Steady Read' 8.50am
- 28th November – Christmas Fair
- 9th December – Nativity
- 15th December – 'Ready Steady Read' 3pm

How You Can Help at Home

- Read with your child every day.
- Practise Reception phonics sounds and tricky words.
- Talk about family celebrations, traditions and special memories together.
- Practise counting, number bonds and simple addition and subtraction through everyday activities.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a wonderful Autumn 2 full of learning, creativity and celebration!

Miss Todd and Miss Priestley