

Robins Class Curriculum News: Autumn Term 2 2018-2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you have had a good half term break. Please find attached details of the curriculum we will be following in Robins Class this term along with details of our class routines.

General routines

Children should come into school through the main entrance in the morning by themselves with all their belongings. They are dismissed from the classroom at the end of the day and leave by themselves – if they cannot find whoever is collecting them they should return to the classroom to seek advice. I would be grateful if you could make sure your child is aware of what they are to do at the end of the school day, especially if they are going to after school club, going home on the bus or being collected by someone different.

Book Bags and Home/School books

Book bags in Key Stage 2 are not checked every day by school adults – please encourage your child to hand in letters/return slips etc. to me. Blue home/school books should be used for routine communication between home and school and your child should bring their book to me in the morning if there is a message I need to be aware of.

Spelling Tests

Weekly spelling tests will continue on a Monday. Your child's spellings will come home on an A4 sheet with space for them to practise using the 'look, say, cover, write, check' strategy. Please encourage your child to practise for their weekly tests. They will be expected to take re-tests if they achieve less than 5/10 in their Monday test.

Reading books

Children in Robins Class take responsibility for changing their own reading books and recording their new book in their home/school book and in the class reading folder. Children on colour banded books will be heard read regularly and moved up when appropriate.

Times tables/Maths homework

Times tables tests will be on a Monday. Maths homework will be a mixture of different tasks and will be given out on a Friday. Please can you initial your child's blue book when maths homework tasks have been completed, especially if there is not a written outcome. From half term onwards children who have not completed their maths homework will be kept in at Friday playtime to do it.

P.E. kit and water bottles

P.E. kit should be brought in on Monday and can be taken home on Fridays. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable outdoor PE clothing including jogging bottoms and trainers available for use in school **every day**. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school.

Autumnal weather

Please can you make sure your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. We do go outside to play when it is raining. A school fleece is not sufficient

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate Sandells
Robins Class Teacher

Robins Class Curriculum News: Autumn Term 2 2018-2019

Science

Recognise that they need light in order to see things and notice that light is reflected from surfaces

Understand that light from the sun can be dangerous

Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked

English

Developing note taking skills

Writing biographies of Walter Tull

Flashback stories based around the Christmas truce

Editing and improving own writing

Maths

Add and subtract numbers mentally

Add and subtract numbers using a written column method

Solve problems related to addition and subtraction

Draw 2-D shapes and make 3-D shapes using modelling materials; recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them

Draw symmetric patterns and recognise lines of symmetry

The Arts

In art we will be making wax resist fire work paintings.

In music we will be participating in an NMPAT African drumming project and performing to parents



Computing

We are software/game developers - using Scratch to develop simple educational games

Topic - Remember, Remember

Initially we will be learning about the Gunpowder Plot and how/why we remember it. Then we will remember the First World War, finding out about what life would have been like for soldiers and what school would have been like for children 100 years ago. We will end the topic by remembering why we celebrate Christmas and learning about Christmas traditions in other countries around the world.

RE

Christianity in Action

Learning about why Christians celebrate Christmas.

PE

Indoor Athletics and hockey