

Things to Remember...

- Our PE sessions are on Thursdays. Please come to school wearing your PE kit.
- Our Forest School sessions for Reception Children are on Fridays: children can come in comfortable home clothes, please send waterproof clothing and wellies to be kept in school.
- Please keep a spare change of clothes in your child's backpack -this does not have to be school uniform.
Please read every day and bring your reading book and reading diary to school in the bookbag every day.
- Please bring a water bottle in every day. You can provide a named snack if you wish.
- ***Please speak to myself or Mrs Timmins about your child regularly, we are keen to share what your child has been doing at school!***

Tapestry – Reception Children

You will receive an invitation to log onto your child's Tapestry account. Please look at it each week, to see what we have been learning at school. It is a great starting point for conversations about our busy days at school.

We love to read comments from yourself as well as the things your child says when talking about what they see.

Please upload photographs of things you get up to at home. The children learn lots from sharing their posts on the big whiteboard with their friends.

Autumn Treasures!

Autumn is coming! Please help your child to notice changes and collect conkers, leaves, acorns and any Autumnal things. Bring them in to display on the nature table and tell your friends about!

Google Classroom – Year 1

I will be sharing a few ideas for projects to do at home on Google Classroom. Please log in as you did last year. Google Classroom will be set up for Reception children during the term.

Come and Join Us!

If you like sharing stories, painting, building or would like to join in with any of the activities we do we would love to have you visit!

Parents are very busy so you may not be able to come in regularly but could have a free afternoon or an hour in the morning you would like to spend with us.

If you think you would like to visit at some point during the term please fill in a DBS form at the school office.

Welcome to Robin Class

Curriculum Information

Terms 1 & 2



Teacher: Mrs Allen
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Timmins

Dates for your diary:

Friday 24th September: first Forest School morning for Reception Children

Thursday 16th September 3.10pm: Robins Class Meeting

Last Day of Term 1 for Children: Thursday 21st October

Tuesday 5th October: Harvest Festival

INSET DAYS: Friday 22nd October and Monday 1st November

First Day of Term 2 for Children: Tuesday 2nd November

Mathematical Development

Our main focus for term 1 will be number and counting.

Reception - will be learning to count up to 10 objects accurately, as well as developing their recognition of these numbers. Please help your child at home by spotting numbers and counting things everywhere you go! They will be learning to compare groups of objects and identifying which group has the most or least.

Year 1 – will be ensuring our number knowledge is secure to 20, reading and writing and counting objects accurately. We will then progress to addition and subtraction. The Year 1 children will use concrete apparatus to help them add and subtract 1- and 2-digit numbers.

We will then move onto 2D shapes, learning to sort them, name them and talk about how many sides and corners they have.

PSED

In PSED we will be developing our circle time skills, and getting to know our new class friends. We will be talking about how we feel at different times at school and working together to write a set of 'Robin's Rules'.

Art and DT

This term we will start by making a self-portrait in mixed media for our class wall. Moving on to looking at Castles: printing a castle using different shapes, creating our own mini and large shared junk model castles. At Halloween we will be making observational pumpkin drawings and colour mixing oranges inside! Of course, we will enjoy making oil pastel and glitter firework pictures. We can use our Autumn treasures to make collages in the style of Andrew Goldsworthy.

Reception Phonics -We will be learning the individual letter sounds, using sounds, pictures and actions. I will be sending home the sounds each day for you to practise. Please help your child become familiar with recognising the lower case letter shapes, and try and find things that begin with the letter sound.

As we learn individual letter sounds, we will begin to blend sounds to read small 2 and 3 letter words.

**Our Topic is
'Dragons and Princesses!'**

**Key Question:
What
Happened in a
Castle?**

Year 1 Phonics -Phonic sessions will happen daily and children will be ensuring they have secure knowledge of their Phase 3 digraphs and moving onto phase 4. We will be playing games to support reading and focussing on our keywords. Year 1 will also be focusing on letter formation.

Language and Literacy

This term we will be reading stories about knights, dragons, castles, princesses, kings and queens! Our key text is Zog by Julia Donaldson and we will enjoy lots of supporting dragon and castle stories and non-fiction texts.

The Reception children will be focusing on identifying initial sounds for words. We will be writing our names and trying to recognise our friend's names too! As well as developing our small hand muscles to support our pencil control for writing.

Year 1 children will be writing in different styles and focusing on writing sentences with increasing independence and remembering Capital letters, finger spaces and full stops!

Physical Development

In PE this term, we will be focussing on developing movement and coordination. We will be exploring multi skills activities to develop balance, spatial awareness, agility and coordination. This will include building obstacle courses, team games like stuck in the mud and jumping beans. We will also develop our ball skills including rolling, throwing and catching.

Our Topic Is: Knights, Dragons and Princesses!

Through our topic we will be historians: looking at what happened in castles, who lived in them and using artefacts, photographs and paintings to learn more about the past. We will also have a focus on Guy Fawkes as a character from the past.

In Science, we will look at the human body, our senses and body parts associated with these. Our investigation will be 'What shall we use to build our castle?' Looking at the properties of different materials. We will also be exploring the world around us and noticing seasonal changes.

After half term, we will continue to learn about celebrations and traditions through the Hindu celebration of Diwali and of course we finish with Christmas and the Nativity story!