



Robin Class

Curriculum Newsletter

September 2021

Dear Parents

A warm welcome to Robin Class. It has been wonderful to begin to get to know you and your children and of course welcome back those we know from Nursery. We look forward to working together in the year ahead.

We have been so impressed with the independence of your children and how well they have come into the classroom and managed their own belongings. Thank you so much for encouraging this.



It is great that we have already started communicating through Tapestry. Please do use Tapestry to see what we are doing in school and share special moments you have with your child at home.

To truly engage the children in what we are learning we really hope to use your child's interests to lead the topic choices, so if there are particular interests your child has, or you happen to be going on an exciting trip etc. please do share it with us so we can use the information in our planning.

As a broad overview of the term ahead we are likely to cover the following topics, The Little Red Hen, Farming, Nursery rhymes, People Who Help Us and Christmas.

We will begin to teach phonics and maths on a daily basis. This will often begin with a carpet session and then practical follow up activities throughout the Early Years area.

Learning happens inside and outside so children will have "free flow" between the areas. It means that the classroom is sometimes a little chilly so please ensure children always have jumpers/cardigans and coats and when weather demands it gloves and hats. The children also participate in a wide range of activities including; messy activities, playing in the mud kitchen, mixing paints, exploring a wide variety of sensory

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materials etc. We provide a pair of waterproof trousers; please can you provide a named pair of wellies that stay in school.

There will be lots of opportunity for physical development throughout the week within our unit. The children also have a PE lesson on a Wednesday morning. Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on Wednesdays. Where possible this will take place outside, so please ensure your child has warm layers ie. Fleece and joggers as the weather becomes colder.

We enjoy sharing stories with the children on a daily basis and looking at non-fiction texts. We do recommend that you spend time-sharing books with your child at home, visiting libraries and allowing your child to observe you reading. This will encourage your child to read and most importantly foster a love of books. As and when we feel it is appropriate for your child we will send reading books home for you to share with your child.

To provide a stimulating and engaging experience for the children there are many consumables that we use on a regular basis for example rice, shaving foam, bubble bath, flour, soil etc. We would be grateful for any contributions and will use a class notice board to let you know our wish list in future.

We hope that this letter gives you an idea of how we manage the Reception year. **On Monday 20th September at 9.00 – 9.30am, we will hold a short “Meet the Teacher” session on the playground, so please do come along if you are able. Please note if it raining this will be re-scheduled.** We strongly believe that partnership with you is the key to quality education so please do be involved, feel free to ask questions, share concerns and celebrate successes with us.

Looking forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Warm regards

The Early Years Team

Important information:

- Please name EVERYTHING! Socks, jumpers, water bottles (please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day)
- Please inform the school if another person is picking up your child.
- Mrs. Mellor will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Mrs. Rippon will be teaching Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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