



Robin Class

Curriculum Newsletter

17 January 2025

Dear Parents

Wishing you a happy new year and a welcome back to an exciting new term. The children are settled into reception now and have a good grasp of the routines and expectations.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Rippon but we warmly welcome Mrs Kay who will be teaching Robin Class on a Thursday. **We would like to invite you to a Stay and Play session next Thursday, 23rd January, at 2.30 pm to meet Mrs Kay and to join in with some activities with your children.**

In the following few weeks, we will be thinking about trees and birdlife in winter and talking about how people celebrate Chinese New Year. Later on in the term we will be looking at our local area and comparing this to other places and environments. We will of course respond to children's interests as they arise and do let us know if there are any interests or events that we could incorporate. We hope you are enjoying the snap shots of school life that you receive via tapestry. This is of course a two-way communication, so please share any wow moments you have at home. The children love showing these to their friends. We also welcome any comments to observations we post.

This half term our literacy will focus on poetry and storytelling. Our Talk for Writing text is the oral story 'The Goat and the Sheep'. The children are currently learning this and we will send home a copy of the tale and our story map for children to practice and show you at home! Later on in the term, we will be acting out the story and creating our own versions.

During our phonics sessions, we will begin to look at digraphs (when two letters make one sound e.g. ai in sail.) Please look out for new sheets and support the writing of the letters at home. We really appreciate all your support with sharing and returning reading books but we do ask that you sign their reading records so we know they have been read and we can change them. Please remember that sharing the school book is only part of the richness of reading. Visits to the library, sharing bedtime stories and children seeing you read for your own enjoyment is all of great importance.

In numeracy we will be looking at the composition of numerals to 7. We will be introducing a 10 frame and using this to compare and combine amounts up to 7. We will be using lots of different resources to make 3D models and encouraging children to describe their creations using mathematical language.

Winter is here but we continue to work outside and inside so children will have "free flow" between the areas. It means that the classroom door is often open and it is sometimes a little chilly so please ensure children always have layers, jumpers/cardigans and coats, gloves and hats. Please make sure these are named. The children also participate in lots of messy activities, playing in the mud kitchen, mixing paints, exploring a wide variety of sensory materials etc.

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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 or any other sensory materials you spot that you think might be good for school.

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 success with us.

Looking forward to continuing working with you this term.

The Early Years Team

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