



Robin Class Spring Curriculum Newsletter



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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. It has been really pleasing to see so many children now coming in independently into school. Well done! Please note that for this term Yoga is on a Friday, so children are to come in normal uniform on Thursday.

In the following few weeks, we will be looking at trees and wildlife in winter. This week we are taking part in the Great British Bird Watch and children will be making their own bird feeders. Later in the term we will be celebrating Chinese New Year and exploring 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 focus will be on poetry and story-telling. Our 'Talk for Writing' text is the oral story 'The Goat and the Sheep'. Please see a copy of the tale attached for children to practice with and show you at home! We have been busy learning and acting out the story and will be creating our own versions soon. We will be participating in poetry and music workshops during National Story Telling Week in the last week of this half term.

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 via Tapestry and support the correct writing of the letters at home (see sheet attached). We really appreciate all your support with sharing and returning reading books, however, we do ask that **you sign their reading record, so we know books have been read. Please ensure that both books and record are in their bags to be changed every Friday.** 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

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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.

In order 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 have or come across that might be useful 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.

We look forward to continuing to work with you this term.

The Early Years Team

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