Robin Class Curriculum Newsletter



September 2026

Dear Parents

A warm welcome to Robin Class. The children have settled in well and readily participate in the class routines, understanding the expectations now they are in Reception.

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. Please continue to ensure that everything is named as the year goes on. To help us foster this independence, in the mornings we would encourage you to say goodbye to your child at the gate and allow them to walk independently into the classroom.

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, Marvellous Me, Traditional Tales, Nursery rhymes, Seasons and Festivals.

We teach phonics, maths and the children participate in 'Drawing Club' 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 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 have a PE/Yoga lesson on a Wednesday afternoon. Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on Wednesdays. Some weeks PE will take place outside, so please ensure your child has warm layers (ie. fleece and joggers as the weather becomes colder) and they wear trainers. Forest School sessions are on Friday mornings. Please can children come to school in comfortable trousers and a long- sleeved top. Again, warm layers and coats may be needed as the weather changes.

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, oats, 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 offer fruit and milk at snack time and would also be grateful for rice cake and breadstick donations to supplement this too.

We hope that this letter gives you an idea of how we manage the Reception year. 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.

We are looking forward to working with you in the year ahead, and in the meantime, we would like to invite you to a curriculum meeting on **Wednesday 16th September at 9am**.

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. Moffett will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Mrs. Kay will be teaching on Thursdays.
- Curriculum Meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 9am