



# Robins

Autumn Term 2    November/December 2020

## Robins News

Welcome back everyone. Last term we were focussing on 'having a go' and building the children's independence. It has been wonderful watching the children settle into our classroom and grow in self confidence. As the colder weather has arrived we are also encouraging these skills while putting on our coats.

We started our daily phonics, learning a new sound everyday. The children are picking these up well and we are beginning to use them to read and write simple words. As we move on in phonics we will begin to link these simple words together, writing two or three word captions e.g. 'the red hen'.

The children loved retelling and acting out the story of The Little Red Hen and we were so impressed with their story telling voices and actions. We were proud of them for performing the story to each other and it was lovely to see them congratulating each other on their efforts. The children **flourished as** they learnt about the characters and the story setting, as well as the structure of the story, looking at the beginning, middle and end. As part of our learning about The Little Red Hen we also made our own bread, and discussed if we would "eat it ourselves" like the little red hen, or if we would share with our families. We decided to share our bread!

During our Maths learning we have been using a variety of language to describe the size of objects and Robins enjoyed comparing and ordering their different heights saying who was 'taller than' or 'shorter than'. We have got really good at recognising different representations of early numbers and we have compared quantities of numbers using the language 'more', 'fewer' and 'the same as'.

We have spent a lot of time exploring the Rainbow Promise and why it is special to our school. The children thought about what makes our school special, and what makes us special. The children pledged to show love, care and respect for each other as part of our class family, as well as trying hard to always do our best. It has been lovely watching the children show their rainbow promise throughout the day to each other. We also explored the story of Noah's Ark, and discussed the rainbow promise God made to us.

We are really looking forward to a half term full of exciting learning, with a focus on Celebrations. Thank you so much for your continued help and support and if you have any questions or comments please do let us know.

As we approach this special season, I am reminded of the following quote;

*"In the eyes of children we find the joy of Christmas. In their hearts we find it's meaning" - Leland Thomas*

Mrs Bruce and Mrs Robinson

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th November – Friendship week  
Mon 23rd/Tuesday 24th November—skipping workshop  
Thursday 5th December –Nativity 9:30am  
Wednesday 25th November—Pause Day  
Miller's Ark—(TBC)  
Christmas Performance - TBC  
Friday 18th December—Last day of term

### Reminders

Please ensure that your child has their reading book and yellow record in school everyday.  
Library day is Monday. If your child wishes to change their book, please make sure that they return their current book on that day.  
As it is getting colder and we will continue to learn outside, please ensure your child has warm clothing. As with all uniform, please name all hats, scarves and gloves.



# Woodpeckers

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## Woodpeckers News

We've enjoyed a wonderful first half term together in Woodpeckers. We have concentrated on 'having a go' and persevering with a task and then being able to feel proud of our efforts. As the colder weather has arrived we are also encouraging these skills while putting on our coats and trying to zip up. The children continue to surprise us with their love for learning and increasing in confidence day by day.

We read and wrote about 'The Little Red Hen' and the children explored the story's characters, settings and plot. We made bread to share with our families and said that if we were the hen, we would forgive our lazy friends and share some bread. We broke the story down and looked at the structure, beginning, middle and end in detail and learnt, retold and performed it in groups in class.

We have been busy learning the first set of sounds in Phonics. We will continue to blend and segment short words to read and write and some of us will begin to learn the next set of sounds. In our writing we will begin to write these short words and then link them together, writing two or three word captions eg 'the hot dog'. We will be learning our red tricky sight words, e.g. 'the, I, no, of, my, for, he'.

In our Maths learning we have been representing numbers to 5 in a variety of ways and have begun to look at one more and one less of a given number. We have recognised, continued and created our own patterns.

During our 'We are Special' topic, Woodpeckers thought about what makes them special and we looked closely at our similarities and differences. We thought about the people who are special to us and explored our new school and the Rainbow Promise. The children pledged to show love, care and respect for each other as part of our class family, as well as trying hard to always do our best. We also explored the story of Noah's Ark, and discussed the rainbow promise God made to us. It has been such a amazing watching the children show their Rainbow Promise throughout the day to each other and make relationships flourish!

I'm really looking forward to one of my favourite terms in the school year and want to thank you for your continued help and support. As always, if you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Mrs Redondo

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