



Robins

Spring 1

January 2021

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This has turned out to be a very different start to the new year and finding ourselves back in lockdown is not what any of us were looking forward to. But to keep everyone safe we must begin the online learning journey.

We hope that you are finding the work on Tapestry to be helpful. Our aim is to ensure that there is enough work to keep Robins busy and enable them to extend what they have already learnt and continue with phonics, literacy and maths learning.

Please take comfort in knowing that we understand how difficult it is to home school, especially with more than one child, and if you are still working full or part time. Be kind to yourself and know we are here to support you.

We were so pleased with how much the children developed during the last half term and we are looking forward to looking at their learning on Tapestry and watching them make new links and more progression.

We are starting this half term by focusing on 'After Dark'. This includes looking at seasons, in particular—Winter. We have already been impressed with the winter learning walks that you have been on and the signs that you have spotted to tell you it is winter.

We are continuing to enjoy and discuss the features of a story, stopping to ask children 'how', 'what', 'why' or basic inference questions, vocabulary definitions and thoughts on the text. We are just starting work on the story 'Peace at Last', one of our favourites. We worked really hard on our phonics and reading last half term, using our blending and segmenting skills to read and write words and even simple captions. We have also been practising those tricky red sight words that you can't phonetically blend, like 'I', 'the', 'to', 'go' and 'no'.

The children's confidence with numbers is continuing to grow and we have focused on counting, recognising and writing numbers to 10. We began learning to add with objects and we will continue to build on these skills this half term.

As always, if you have any queries, concerns or need any extra support to help your child with their home learning, please post on Tapestry or email or call the school.

Please continue to read with your child on a regular basis as we know this can make a huge difference to your child and their ability.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Mrs Bruce and Mrs Robinson

Things to Remember:

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Some wise words we will concentrate on as we develop further into lifelong learners over the next few weeks; from the wisest - Winnie the Pooh:

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 10:30—11:00AM EYFS**
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