



**Autumn Term 2    November/December 2023**

## **Robins News**

We've enjoyed a lovely first half term together in Robins and have concentrated on 'having a go' and persevering with a task and then being able to feel proud of our efforts. 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 independently.

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 e.g. 'the hot dog'. We will be learning our red tricky sight words, e.g. 'the, I, was, no, of, my, you, he, she, we be'.

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 Celebrations. We will continue to compare our own experiences to those around us and enjoy spotting similarities and differences among us.

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, we are 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 Ms Claridge

### **Reminders**

Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record in school everyday.

Library day is Wednesday. 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.



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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 Smartest Giant in Town' and the children explored the story's characters, settings and plot. We made rainbow pizza to share with our friends. We also broke the story down and looked at the structure, beginning, middle and end in detail and learnt, retold and performed it in class.

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In our Maths learning we have been representing numbers to 3 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 so 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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**Reception Autumn Term 2: Let's Celebrate!**

Week	Suggested Contexts for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1 30.10-3.11	Key Text: The Little Red Hen-Introducing the Story Autumn – changes in the environment Firework Safety Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot - Timelines	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> /Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – Parent Meetings Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire Night
Week 2 6.11-10.11	Armistice Day and Remembrance Create Poppies Key Text: 'The Story of Rama and Sita' Celebrating Diwali Create Rockets Cooking - Samosas Maths Week	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Armistice Day Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Diwali
Week 3 13.11-17.11	Whole School Friendship Week Key Text: The Little Red Hen- Cooking - Bread	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Be A Buddy Pledge Day
Week 4 20.11-24.11	Key Text: The Little Red Hen-Performing the Story	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Diwali Workshops
Week 5 27.11-01.12	Key Text: The Christmas Story Christmas Songs and Dances	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Reverse Advent begins Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Pause Day
Week 6 04.12-08.12	Christmas Performances Christmas Decorations	Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec –Christmas Performance Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
Week 7 11.12-15.12	Christmas Themed Writing	Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Lunch Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> – Class Christmas Party Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> – Last Day of term 1.30pm