



Celebrations!

Who's who?

Mrs Gilbert is the main class teacher in Robins, and Mrs Taylor is the Teaching Assistant who works for the majority of time in Robins. On Wednesdays Mrs Chambers teaches in Robins with Mr Smith as the TA (Teaching Assistant).

What about play?

Play is vital in Reception and Year 1. As well as developing independence pupils learn through a range of activities provided by us (adult initiated) or developed by themselves (child initiated). The Foundation stage (of which reception is the last year) is based around the four important principles of A UNIQUE CHILD, POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS and LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT. All these areas are supported by play - hence why it is so important! In year 1 pupils DO NOT just stop developing in the above areas and that is why we offer our year 1 pupils daily play opportunities as well.

Welcome to Robins Curriculum Notes Term Two! Robins class consists of Reception (Foundation Stage) and Year One pupils. The whole school topic for this term is **Celebrations** and we will be exploring celebrations that happen around this time of year as well as preparing for our own celebrations! Please take a look at the long term curriculum plan on the website (year 4) for an overview of how our work fits in with the rest of the school.

Mrs Gilbert and the Robins Team

Two year groups?

As a five class school we have mixed age groups throughout. In Robins we have Reception and Year 1. You will see in these curriculum notes that there are references to the main subject/ learning areas.

Areas of Exploration

Bonfire Night

We will be looking at the history behind Bonfire night and exploring the use of colour through art related activities.

MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING (RECEPTION):
Literacy, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design

MAIN SUBJECTS (YEAR 1): History, PSHE

PE

As well as having opportunities to work on gross motor skills whilst playing in our outside area Robins undertake two sessions of PE each week on WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY. The Wednesday session will take place outside with Mr Smith (so appropriate warm weather clothing is a must) and will be looking at key skills. On Fridays we will be looking at Dance in a unit called Sparks in the Sky.

MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING (RECEPTION):
Physical development

MAIN SUBJECTS (YEAR 1): PE

Seasonal Changes- Autumn and the weather!

From Term One we will be continuing to explore changes we can see outside and talk about what is happening. We will also be exploring different weather conditions in lessons, as well as activities being provided relating to current weather conditions!

MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING (RECEPTION): Understanding of the World

MAIN SUBJECTS (YEAR 1): Science, Geography

Using Stories

As part of our work in English (Literacy) we will be continuing to use a variety of story books to base our work upon. We will be starting with Winnie the Witch by Korky Paul at the start of this term. In particular we will be focussing on writing and being able to take our ideas and record them onto paper.

MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING (RECEPTION): Literacy, Expressive Arts and Design

MAIN SUBJECTS (YEAR 1): English

Incarnation

As part of our Religious Education we will be looking at the unit 'Incarnation' and focussing on why we use nativity plays to remember the Christmas story.

MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING (RECEPTION):

Understanding the World, Communication and Language

MAIN SUBJECTS (YEAR 1): RE

Diwali

We will be exploring celebrations that are part of other religions in the world and looking at the importance of light as a means of celebrating.

MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING (RECEPTION):

Understanding the World, Communication and Language

MAIN SUBJECTS (YEAR 1): PSHE/RE

Cooking

We are fortunate enough that one of our school Governors (Mrs Furber) will be running cooking sessions for Robins through the term. Cooking is done in small groups but all pupils will have the opportunity to participate.

MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING (RECEPTION): Physical Development, Understanding of the World

MAIN SUBJECTS (YEAR 1): DT, PSHE

The Christmas Performance

Our annual Christmas performance provides pupils with opportunities to shine and perform to an audience. All pupils are part of the performance which will include speaking parts and singing. The performances are at the end of the term but lots of preparation will take part leading up to these dates. We hope you will be able to join us for these events.

MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING (RECEPTION): Expressive Arts and Design

MAIN SUBJECTS (YEAR 1): Drama, Music

English and Maths

Maths objectives for Term 2 YEAR One

Geometry (Shape): Recognise and name common 2-D shapes, including: (for example, rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles)

Recognise and name common 3-D shapes, including: (for example, cuboids (including cubes), pyramids and spheres.)

Addition and subtraction (Number): Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 10

Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs.

Add and subtract one digit numbers to 10, including zero.

Solve one step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations and missing number problems.

Please Value (Number): Count to twenty, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, from any given number.

Count, read and write numbers to 20 in numerals and words.

Given a number, identify one more or one less.

Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.

RECEPTION

A broad range of activities will be provided in which the children can explore, enjoy, learn, practise and talk about their developing understanding of Maths. They will practise and extend their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, simple calculating, describing shapes, spaces and measures. They will use key mathematical skills and logical thinking. The children will explore practically with opportunity for discussion and simple forms of recording will be encouraged. formal activities will relate to the arts of learning for Year One (See above).

English (Literacy) objectives for Term 1 BOTH YEAR GROUPS

Reading is taught through daily group exploration of stories and books and shared phonics sessions. Later in the year additional group guided reading sessions will take place weekly. Children select their own independent reading books from a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, which are appropriately graded according to their reading ability. Your child will bring home a reading record comment book with their reading books each day. We will comment regularly each week when we hear your child read in school and will inform you of their progress in these comments. Please use this book to tell us about times you have shared a book with your child at home or when they have read to you.

Daily phonics sessions enable the children to get a grasp for the sounds that individual and groups of letters make. These are then used to establish early word segmentation and blending for reading and spelling. As the year progresses we prepare the children with words to spell and check for themselves.

Cursive is the handwriting style taught at Baydon St. Nicholas. Children will learn about the different shapes and sizes of the letters. Areas such as correct position and pencil grip will be explored and encouraged. By the end of YEAR 2 we hope all pupils will be writing in a comfortable cursive style.

YEAR 1 Writing

Punctuating sentences with a capital letter and a full stop.

Reading their work to check it makes sense.

Past and present tense is beginning to be used correctly with their writing.

Using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'

Applying phonic knowledge to their writing

RECEPTION Writing

Children are encouraged to link sounds and letters to begin to read and write. A wide range of reading and writing materials are planned for to help capture their interest.