



Extreme Earth

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Welcome to Term 1 and 2! In these notes you will find information relating to Robins class and a brief overview of some of the areas of study your child will be covering at school over the next two terms.

Each 'big' term (autumn, spring and summer) we have a whole school theme. Some subjects/activities might link to the theme however, some areas will stand alone and could be inspired for example by a book, current world events or pupils interests. For Terms 1 and 2 our topic is 'Extreme Earth'

Who is who?

Mrs Chudasama will be your class teacher on a Tuesday-Friday and Mrs Gilbert on Monday.

Mrs Taylor is the class TA on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and Mrs Pottinger on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mr Smith takes PE sessions twice a week.

What about play?

Play is vital in Reception. 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: A UNIQUE CHILD, POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS and LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT. All these areas are supported by play, which is why it is so important to nurture this in the school environment.

Reminders

Please ensure that PE kit is in class all week and that the children have a named water bottle. Please provide children with a sun hat in warmer weather and a coat when colder.

Another must are **names on clothing!** All jumpers look the same and can be easily lost.

Want to help your child at home?

Read, read, read! Lots of stories at home will really help your child's progression throughout their time at school. As we settle into the year your child will bring reading books home to support their phonics, and also books to share with you from the school library. Bedtime stories etc. read by parents though are vital!

Areas of Exploration

Understanding the World

This term we will be exploring the nature world around us, understanding the effect of changing seasons on the natural world and describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.

We are going to be talking about members of our immediate family and community and describe people who are familiar to us.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term we are exploring and engaging in music making, using our own voices, listening attentively and performing in dances and shows.

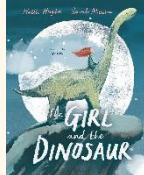
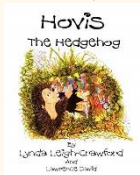
We are going to be exploring different materials, painting whilst we experiment with colour, texture and design.

We will be looking at structures, using junk modelling to make a hibernation box.

Physical Development

We will be learning to dress ourselves independently for PE and focusing on moving through a space safely. We will learn basic throwing and catching skills. Our PE sessions will be taken by Mr Smith.

Books, Books, Books!



Above are just some of the books we will be exploring as a class through English sessions and beyond.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we are looking at building relationships and playing together cooperatively. Forming positive friendships is key in Robins this term.

Communication and Language

Our focus this term is to listen during whole class discussions, make comments about what they have heard and ask questions.

Robins will be encouraged to share their own ideas with their friends and express their feelings about experiences using full sentences.

Phonics

As part of our early reading skills we will complete daily phonics lessons.

We follow the Twinkl phonics scheme throughout reception to the end of Year 2. We will post information about phonics on Classdojo.

Mathematics

We will be looking deepening our understanding of numbers to 10, continuing and creating repeating patterns and comparing capacity.