

Autumn 1 Robin Class Newsletter

Welcome to Robin Class at Huby School. We are very excited to welcome everyone to our school. If you have any questions, please feel free to catch any staff member before/after school on the door, pop a message on Dojo, or email admin@huby.n-yorks.sch.uk



Staffing

Robin Class will be taught by Mrs Scanlan (Monday-Thursday lunch) and Miss Lane (Thursday lunch-Friday). The teaching assistants will be: Miss Lane, Mrs Walker, Miss Kuehn and Mrs Stevens.

Every child in EYFS assigned a designated key worker. The key worker has the responsibility of tailoring learning to suit the individual needs and communicating with parents. Your child's key worker is: **Mrs Scanlan** and **Miss Lane**.

We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Holland back as our student teacher towards the end of September.

Home time

We will open the pedestrian gate at **3.20**. Either Mrs Scanlan or Miss Lane will be available at this time to speak to you about your child's day should you wish to do so. The children will still be let out from this time when we see you in our area.

Family photos

If you haven't already, please can you send in a family photograph which will form part of our display in the classroom. This photo will be up all year so please ensure it is a photograph you are happy to stay in school. If you prefer, you can email us a photo and we can print it out.

Topics

Our topics in Robin Class will run for approximately 2 weeks. Each will be based around a story. Our class stories this half term are: Elmer, The Tiger Who Came to Tea, The Little Red Hen, and Can't You Sleep Little Bear.

The focus to begin with will be setting all the children into our new routines, getting familiar with the new classroom, provision areas and making new friends. We'll also be getting crafty with paints, dough and clay. Towards the end of the half term we will be learning a little about the Hindu celebration of Diwali.

Phonics

Phonics is the tool in which we teach children how to read and write. We will be holding a phonics parent information evening on **Wednesday 1st October 3.30-4.30pm** to explain all about how we teach phonics and how you can help at

home. Please attend if you can. This is open to parents of Nursery and Reception children.

We have already begun some simple phonics lessons with the reception children. Reception guided reading will begin WC 8th September, these books will be swapped each **Thursday**, so please send them back on Thursday mornings; new books will be sent home at the end of the day on Thursdays. All reception children will have a yellow reading record book, this is for you to make a note of the reading you have done with your child each week. Please aim for three reads per week. For the first few weeks, Reception children will get a wordless story. Once they have learnt enough sounds in school, reading books with words will be sent home.

Nursery children will not get phonics books to read at home but will enjoy group reading sessions most days at school.

Maths

Reception topics are: 'Match, Sort and Compare', 'Talk about Measure and Patterns', 'It's me 1, 2, 3' and 'Circles and Triangles'

Nursery children will be comparing amounts, learning about simple patterns and counting and recognising amounts up to 3.

PE Day

Robin Class PE lesson day is **Friday**. This half term, we will be supported by specialist teacher Mr Davis. In this lesson we will focus on ball skills and social games to help build resilience.

In addition, EYFS children have regular access to provision aimed at developing their gross motor skills: for example moving tyres and other large equipment and using the ride on toys.

Please can all Reception children come into school wearing their PE kit on Fridays. No earrings to be worn on this day. Nursery children will join in with PE if they are in on Friday, but do not need a school PE kit (but can wear one if they wish!)

RE

This half term, we are learning about being special. We are looking at what makes us different and unique. We are looking at different stories from the bible to develop our understanding.