

Autumn 2 Robin Class Newsletter

The children have settled very well into all our routines and we are really excited to be starting the second half of the Autumn term with you all.



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 continues to be taught by Mrs Scanlan (Monday-Thursday lunch) and Miss Lane (Thursday lunch-Friday). The teaching assistants are Miss Lane, Miss Kuehn and Mrs Stevens.

Every child in EYFS is 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 workers are **Mrs Scanlan** and **Miss Lane**.

We are delighted that Miss Holland continues to work with us as student teacher until the end of November.

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.

Nativity Production

We will be joining up with Kingfisher Class once again for our annual Nativity performance. We are just finalising the dates for this, but it's likely to be one afternoon and one evening performance.

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: After the Storm, Snowy Day and the Nativity story.

We will continue to focus on settling all the children into our routines and getting familiar with the learning environment. There will be a particular focus on tidying up! We'll also be getting crafty with paints, dough and clay. Towards the end of the half-term, we will be focusing on the Nativity story and practising for our performance, as well as writing a class letter to Santa to ask how he is getting on

at this busy period. We also plan an exciting first local trip out all the way to the village post box to post it! How exciting!

Phonics

Phonics is the tool which we teach children how to read and write. We follow the Little Wandle Scheme. There are lots of resources and video guides for you to access on the [website](#).

Reception children continue learn a new grapheme most days and are using these to read simple words in lessons and in their reading books. Reception guided reading lessons are taught 3 times every week, these books are 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 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. Once the children 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. Nursery children also benefit from daily Rhyme Time lessons and have started to be taught to hear and say sounds in words. Letters are not taught at this stage; all work with nursery children in oral.

Maths

Reception topics are: 'circles and triangles', '1, 2, 3, 4, 5' and 'shapes with 4 sides'. It is really important to give the children a really sound understanding of number to 5 at this stage, this includes being able to spot a group of up to 5 objects or pictures and know how many are there quickly without counting. We call this **subitising**.

Nursery children will be learning about simple patterns and counting and recognising amounts up to 3, as well as describing and organising shapes. Again developing the children's **subitising** skills within 3 is really important.

PE Day

This half term, we are focusing on developing our gross motor skills and travelling round a given space in PE. We will practice moving around with a ball safely, passing and catching and working as a team.

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!)

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On the run up to Christmas, the Robin class are learning about the nativity story, often told in different forms including school productions. We will also look at the different traditions of Christmas, how they are celebrated and how they are linked to the nativity story.