



Autumn Term 1

This half term in Robins our theme is... 'Home Sweet Home'

A warm welcome to all our children and families as we begin an exciting Year 2 adventure together! This half term, we will start our journey close to home, exploring where we live, the different houses around us and the wonderful community we are part of. We can't wait to build friendships, make memories and lay the foundations for a fantastic year together. Remember to keep an eye on the APP each week for updates and news from our Robins nest!

Maths <u>Number</u>	We will look at place value within 20. Learning how to recognise tens and units, write and partition numbers to 100. We will also be sorting, comparing and ordering numbers and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
English	This term, children will continue their Curious Quest journey, exploring a range of high-quality texts to develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. They will learn to write for a variety of purposes, including stories, descriptions and recounts, while developing their use of vocabulary, sentence structure and punctuation. There will be a strong focus on spelling, grammar and handwriting , helping children to write accurately and confidently.
Science <u>Use of Everyday Materials</u>	We will build on their previous learning about materials by exploring a wider range of everyday materials and their properties. They will investigate how different materials are used for different purposes, compare and classify materials and consider why certain materials are suitable for particular objects. Through practical investigations, children will develop their scientific enquiry skills, making observations, asking questions and carrying out simple tests to deepen their understanding of the world around them.
Topic (History & Geography)	We will be exploring Houses and homes in and around our local area . In History, the children will learn about how homes have changed over time and compare houses from the past with those we live in today. They will develop their understanding of the differences between past and present and use simple historical vocabulary to describe change. In Geography, children will investigate our local area, identifying key features of the environment and learning about the human and physical characteristics of where we live. They will use simple maps and fieldwork skills to explore and describe the local community, helping them develop a stronger understanding of their place in the world.
Design and Technology	We will be designing, making and evaluating our own Wacky Windmills . We will explore different materials and structures, learn how to make sails that spin, and develop skills in joining materials and constructing simple models.
PE	In P.E we will be developing our motor skills , taking part in orienteeing activities , and learning a range of skipping skills . We will improve our coordination, balance and teamwork skills while building confidence, following instructions and enjoying active play.
Computing <u>iProgramme</u>	The children will develop their programming skills where they will learn how to create and follow simple algorithms, understand that computers follow precise instructions and begin creating and debugging their own programs. Using age-appropriate programming software, children will explore animations and simple sequences.
PSHE / No Outsiders & RSE	We will be looking at school routines and friendships and will also have No Outsiders day themes. In RSE we will be learning about Christianity and belonging. We will look at answering the question "Why is belonging to God and the Church family important to Christians?"
Music	We will explore using their voices to create different sounds and express feelings. They will also develop their understanding of pulse and beat through singing, movement and playing instruments, building confidence in performing and listening to music.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child's clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child's PE kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don't forget to send your child into school with a water bottle, already applied suncream and with a summer hat.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- Google Earth
- Phonics Play
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>
- Topmarks
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**.
- Library day is **Thursday**.
- Book change day is highlighted on the first page in your child's Reading Records.
- **Friday 11th September Keys to Success Meetings at 9:15 & 2:45**
- **Flu Vaccinations 18th September**
- **PD Days 9th and 12th October**
- **16th October Individual Photos**
- **Look and Share 21st October 3:30-4:00 and 22nd October 8:30-9:00**
- **Half term is week beginning 26th—30th October**

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