



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Robins Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021



HOME LEARNING

In our RE learning this half term we will be thinking about being special and considering the question 'where do we belong?' We will be thinking about the ways that different religious and non-religious communities welcome babies and celebrate new life, and we would love it if the children could bring in a **copy of one** baby photo to share and display in class. We will be using these in our learning next Thursday (16th September 2021).

We would really appreciate you spending some time looking through photos of your child as a baby with them and talking about any celebrations or traditions they took part in. These might have been formal rituals and celebrations or simple family traditions. The children will have the opportunity to share this with a group if they feel comfortable.

Dear grown-ups,

What a wonderful first week in Reception! It has been wonderful to welcome the children into school and we have been blown away by how calm and positive they have all been. We are very proud of all our children!

This week we have been focused on building up new routines as well as getting to know each other and our classrooms and outdoor area. The children have been working hard to "choose it" (think about what they want to play and what they want to use), "use it" (playing with all sorts of new and interesting things and taking care of them) and "put it away" (tidying up when they have finished). It would be great if you can talk to your child about this process too, helping them to use this language to describe their play and the processes we go through at school.

From next week, we will be starting our weekly Forest School, PE and Library sessions. These will normally be on the following days (we will try to let you know if any of this changes in advance!):

- Wednesdays (afternoons) : Forest School – please ensure your child has wellies and waterproofs, and that these are clearly named in a bag.
- Thursdays (mornings): PE – we will not be changing the children for PE this half term, but please could they come to school in appropriate shoes.
- Fridays: Library – the children will bring home a book from our school library each week. Please ensure your child has their bookbag and return this the following week! We will take a photo of the book your child chooses and upload this to Tapsetry. Please use this post to comment on any shared reading you do, you can even upload videos if you like! When the children are ready, they will begin to bring home a book to read themselves with sounds they have been taught.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs McKnight

Attendance

We will begin to celebrate attendance next week!



Star of the Week

All our children have been such super stars this week – well done to each and every one of you. We are very proud of you! 😊



Important!

Please remember to send your child in with a named coat and a change of clothes. Thank you!

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