



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Robins Weekly Newsletter

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**



## Attendance

Thank you to everyone for continuing to do everything we can to make sure children are in school as much as possible. This time of year always brings a lot of coughs and colds and we are grateful for parents being particularly vigilant about ensuring that children are well enough to be in school and in particular making use of the PCR tests available when children show any symptoms.

Please continue to bring your child to school if they are well enough unless they have had a positive test result.

Dear grown-ups,

We have had another super week in Robins Class, playing, exploring and learning. This week we have been very busy finding out about our bodies and the things we need to keep us strong, fit and healthy. We have enjoyed learning the song 'I've got a body, a very busy body' and moving enthusiastically as we sing. We have also thought about how to make healthy choices about the foods we eat and really enjoyed making and eating our fruit salads at snack time! The children were shown how to hold and use a knife for chopping and were all very careful and safe when cutting up the fruit. Well done Robins!

The children have continued to work really hard in their Read Write Inc phonics sessions and have now learnt the sounds m a s d t i p n and g. Your child will be bringing home a sheet to help them practise saying, reading and writing the sounds they have learnt in school – we would really appreciate you supporting them to complete this, as well as asking them each day what sound they have learnt. You could also try playing games to spot the sounds they know in books, magazines or newspapers. Playing word games such as "I spy" will help your child to hear and say initial sounds and prepare them for blending. Research has shown that frequent, meaningful exposure to new learning helps move knowledge from the working memory into the long term memory – just where these sounds need to be as your child begins their reading journey!

Next week, our Forest School session will be on Friday rather than Wednesday. Please ensure your child has wellies and a waterproof coat, just in case the weather starts to feel more autumnal! Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs McKnight

## Home Learning

We are beginning to notice the signs of Autumn! Can you find some Autumn gubbins when you are out and about this week and bring them in to add to our nature table? Talk with your child about the things they notice, see and feel.



## Star of the Week

Our Star of the Week is **Mairead** this week. Mairead has been a super Explorosaur and had lots of fun playing and learning in the provision!



## Important!

**Please remember to name clothes, bags and water bottles so we are able to return them to their owners! Thank you!**

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