



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Robins Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021



ROUTINES

· **Wednesdays (afternoons):**

Forest School (please bring waterproofs!)

· **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 to enjoy sharing. Please return last week's book!

HOME LEARNING

In our Maths learning this week we have been exploring pattern. Can you create some patterns at home? You could use colours, shapes or objects, or even actions! Take it in turns with your child to make a pattern and see if the other person can carry it on. We have been practising saying the pattern out loud so that it is clear what comes next. Thank you!

Dear grown-ups,

We have been investigating and enjoying Autumn this week in Robins Class! We had a lovely time on our Autumn walk, looking for the different signs of Autumn and listening to the story 'Leaf Man'. We collected leaves, conkers, twigs and acorns and then used these to create our own Leaf Man pictures. We also used our listening skills to find out about Autumn on the farm from JB and Storm at CBeebies. We found out that pumpkins are really a fruit not a vegetable, and that they came from America originally. The children were really excited to share this knowledge with Mrs Wallis in their Forest School session this week, especially because they made pumpkin soup on the fire! We are so lucky at Dartington to have such wonderful outdoor learning spaces and it was such a pleasure to see the children making the most of them this week!



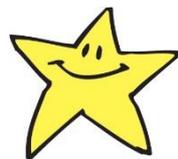
The children have continued to work really hard learning their sounds and have learnt the new sounds /h/ /r/ and /j/ this week. We have been continuing to hear the sounds in words and blend them together into words orally, and the children have also now begun to use these skills to help them 'Fred talk, read the word'. Please do continue to practise recognising reading and writing the sounds using the sheets which come home and the sound flash cards we provided. We will send home more of the sounds learnt soon!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the Autumn sunshine!
Mrs McKnight

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.



Star of the Week

Our Star of the Week is **Fred!** Fred has been such a Tryatops in his learning this week and has been showing our school value of creativity in his play! Well done Fred!



Important!

The children in Wrens and Robins are excited to share and perform some songs we have been learning next Friday (22nd October) at 2.50pm. We will open the gates early – please come and wait at the EYFS fence. Thank you!

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