



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Robins Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st 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

We are encouraging the children to be more independent at school by putting on and taking off their own jumpers and coats. Please support your child by practising at home and celebrate any success with a wow star! These are next to the Sparrows Gate and you can pass them on to me to share in class! Thank you!

Dear grown-ups,

We have learnt even more sounds this week: g o c k u - and have started to learn how to blend sounds together to read words. We use the prompts “Fred talk... read the word” to encourage children to sound out words and blend them together. Your child will also have brought home a pack of sounds they have learnt this week. You can help your child by cutting them in to flash cards with the picture on one side and the letter shape on the other and glued together. Your child will only be bringing home the sounds they have been learning so you can expect them to recognise the sound and the mnemonic that helps to form the letter shape.

In our curriculum time we have been thinking about the importance of - exercise, sleep and relaxation for keeping us healthy. We felt our hearts and noticed the changes in our breathing after we exercised and talked about the way our hearts pump blood around our bodies. Robins have learnt the words ‘veins’ and ‘arteries’ and know that this is how blood moves around our bodies.

In our maths learning we have been matching and sorting objects. We had fun finding matching objects around our classroom and playing ‘Guess the rule’ to work out how someone else had sorted some objects.

We have been really enjoying sharing the stories in our Favourite Five. Our books this half term are: ‘Fantastic Daisy Artichoke’ by Quentin Blake, ‘The Skipping Rope Snake’ by Carol Ann Duffy, ‘Green Eggs and Ham’ by Dr Seuss, ‘Little Rabbit Foo Foo’ by Michel Rosen and ‘Somebody Swallowed Stanley’ by Sarah Roberts. We have been loving getting to know these stories and have been retelling the stories, including with some puppets! Reading together and talking about books is a vital part of developing a life-long love of reading – please do keep reading and enjoying books with your child at home!

Have a lovely weekend,
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 **Ayrton!** Ayrton has been showing our class values and sharing his resources, taking turns and being a very caring friend. Well done!



Important!

Please remember to sign up for a Parent Teacher meeting using the sign up sheet on the gate. Robins Parent meetings will be on **Monday 11/10 and Tuesday 12/10.** Thank you!

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