



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Robins Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th May 2022



ROUTINES after half term:

Book bags: Please bring **book bags every day**. We will change all books now on Fridays so please ensure that reading and library books are in the bags on Fridays. We will be visiting the library on Friday afternoon. Please do record your reading in your child's reading record so we can see what they have been doing at home. Thank you! 😊

Forest School will be on **Wednesday afternoon after half term**. Please remember wellies, just in case it is wet, and a hat if it is sunny!

Home Learning

We have been learning about numbers up to 20 this half term in Robins. Can you do lots of counting to 20 (and beyond!) at home? The children have learnt that the teen numbers means "10 and a bit" (eg. 14 is "ten and four"). It would be really supportive if you can explore this whenever you can – maybe they can find 16 peas on their plate and show you the 10 and the 6?

Dear grown-ups,

What a fantastic half term we have had in Robins Class! It has really flown by and we have so enjoyed our focus on growing and finding out more about the world around us. This week we began to compare the habitats, animals and plants which we have found in Dartington and Devon, with those in different places around the world. We started by looking at the rainforest in the Congo, thinking about the differences in temperature and rainfall, and then looking at the different plants and animals which live there. We then compared this with the Arctic, thinking about the way that animals which live in the cold have adapted to their habitats. We finished our week by learning about the ways that humans are harming the planet and thinking about things we can do to help – we had some brilliant discussions about things we can do, and the children loved making some seasonal food to celebrate!

We watch the Go Jettors episode on the Great Pacific Garbage Patch to support us with this learning:

[BBC iPlayer - Go Jettors - Series 2: 35. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch](#)

Today your child will have brought home with them their new reading record. Please use this record from now on. It shows you the Read Write Inc group your child is in and gives you an easy way to record your reading at home. Please try to read this book at least 3 times in the week. This ensures your child has the chance to develop their fluency and comprehension – they should be reading it in their 'story-teller' voice by the end of the week! If you have any questions about reading at home please speak to Mrs McKnight or Mrs Carr.

Have a lovely half term break – see you **on Tuesday 7th June** for the start of half-term! Mrs McKnight and the EYFS team

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for continuing to do everything we can to make sure children are in school as much as possible.



Star of the Week

This week our star of the week is **Angus!** Angus has been such a Tryatops and has been writing using the sounds he knows beautifully in his phonics learning time and in provision! 😊



We will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on Friday 10th June – please see the emails from the school office for more details!

Together we grow, Together we flourish

TOGETHER WE EMPOWER EXCELLENCE