



Robins Class Newsletter



Autumn Term 2016

Hello and welcome to the Robins class newsletter. We hope you enjoyed the summer break and are now ready for the new school term. We are looking forward to working with the children in the Robins class. Everyone has settled in and we have started work in all areas of the curriculum. We have a new PE coach joining us in school called Grant and he is bringing in real expertise when it comes to coaching sport. We have Miss Romero teaching Spanish and Mrs Corah working with the children on their personal, social and health education. Mr Frost and Mrs Buttery are working with the children on a daily basis and will be holding a parents evening to talk to you about how your child has settled in, later in October.

Topic

Our topic for this term is The Romans. We will be learning about life in Britain before, during and after the Roman invasion. We will have a specific focus on the Roman army and why/how they became so powerful. As well as this, we will develop an understanding of how the Celts felt when the Romans invaded and what they did to try to prevent their country from being conquered (key focus on Boudicca). We are going to visit Mansfield Museum to support our learning in this topic.



Swimming Volunteers

The Robins class will start their swimming lessons at Hucknall Leisure Centre on Thursday 24th November 2016. The children will leave school at 9:30am and will return at 11:15am. We are looking for parent helpers that can offer time and support to assist in ensuring the children remain safe in the pool. If you can help, please inform Mr Frost.



Reading at home

Reading under pins everything your child will be doing in year 3 and 4. It is vital that your child continues to read on a daily basis. I would ask that you encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes a day as this will significantly improve the outcomes for your child at school. Even if you cannot hear your child read, encouraging them to read will help. Please ensure your child brings their reading folder/book bag into school every day so that we can record our comments in their reading record.



Homework and Spellings

Every Friday, the children will be given a piece of homework to complete. The children need to hand it in by the next Friday, however, if they hand it in on the Monday they will earn a credit. Spellings will also be given out on a Friday and the children will be tested on them the following Friday after break time.



PE Kit

At the moment we have P.E. on a Wednesday and a Thursday. However, we may do PE on different days (sometimes dependent on the weather!) so it would therefore be useful if the children could continue to bring their P.E. kit in on a Monday and leave it in school until Friday.



Jewellery

We have a policy of no jewellery with the exception of a watch and small stud earrings. Please note that for health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons and swimming. Therefore, it may be better not to wear any jewellery on P.E. days.





Curriculum Map: Autumn 2016



Nightingale Class

Miss Doherty

Mathematics:

We will be focusing on using both mental and written methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide. We will also be looking at how to tell and write the time to the minute on analogue and digital clocks; calculate time intervals and measure and convert lengths using metres, centimetre and millimetres.

We will be looking at and learning about doubling and halving 3-digit numbers and identifying equivalent fractions. We will also be investigating how decimals fit into place value and exploring the relationship between tenths and decimals. We will also focus on how to draw bar charts, record and interpret information.

P.E:

On Wednesday afternoons the Nightingale Class and the Robin Class will be doing multi-skills.

On Thursday mornings the Brambling Class will be going swimming.

On Thursday afternoons all three classes will be taking part in a cross-country P.E session with Grant.

Computing:

In computing we will be using 'Purple Mash', 'Bug Club' and 'Abacus' to develop our safe internet awareness as well as our understanding of other subjects.

Brambling Class

Miss Tyers



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Other than History, children will acquire and practise skills in Art, making Roman mosaics, in D&T, creating a moving book and Geography, understanding the location and extent of the empire.



Robin Class

Mr Frost

Literacy:

We will be looking at how JK Rowling uses a range of language techniques to engage the reader. We will be looking at a range of character and setting descriptions within the Harry Potter series and how we can use this to enhance our writing.

We will also be looking at information texts, using a range of examples to support us when we produce our own information text about 'Romans Artefacts.'

As well as this we will be exploring poetic form and language used in poetry.

We will write persuasive letters to apply to become a Roman Legionary.

Science:

We will be learning about animals including humans. The sessions in this topic will include: digestion and the digestive system, animals' diets, teeth and tooth decay and we will be investigating what happens to an eggshell when it is left to rot!

PSHE and R.E.

We will be studying the religion of Hinduism and comparing it to other religions.

We will be looking at the theme 'new beginnings, in PSHE.