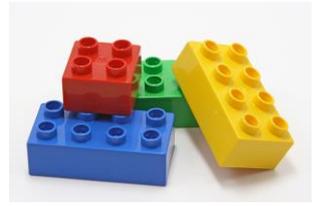


Robin and Hummingbirds Newsletter for Reception Parents

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Welcome back to school. We hope you had a great Easter with your family and friends and are ready for a busy term back in school. Our topic this term is Let's Pretend, see below for details of some exciting events this half term.

Let's Pretend

During this unit of learning the children will have the opportunity to:

- Create and perform their own stories.
- Listen to different fairytale stories
- Make gingerbread men, following instructions
- Learn and retell the story of the gingerbread man.



We hope you are continuing to enjoy the observations of your child's learning that you're seeing on tapestry. If your child does anything fantastic at home: from learning to ride a bike to writing about a day trip, please share this with us by uploading an observation. If you need support with this please see Miss Ainsley or Mrs Harris they would both be happy to help.

Can you help us?

We are always looking for any resources to help us with our learning in school, if you have any of the following and would be happy to donate we would very much appreciate it:

- Fairy-tale and traditional tale fancy dress
- Knight costumes
- Wand, play swords and princess shoes.

Reading is a really important part of our learning. If any parents would like to volunteer to read with our children during the school day please come and speak to your class teacher or any other member of the Early Years team.



Show and Tell

We will be continuing show and tell on a Friday afternoon this half term. This is an opportunity for the children to bring in something special from home, this could be a toy, a photo of a special event, or a special object. The children will be able to show the item to the friends and will then talk about why it is special. It would be good if you could practice this with your child beforehand so they feel more confident on the day. Please do not bring in anything expensive or breakable.

Red group – Friday 28th April

Blue group – Friday 5th May

Green group – Friday 12th May

Orange group – Friday 19th May

Purple & Yellow group – Friday 26th May



Please look out for upcoming school trip letter to Longdown Activity Farm.



We take pride in our appearance!

Please ensure your child is smartly dressed and wears the correct uniform.

Learning in Reception

The children are continuing their hard work in school. In phonics we are continuing to look at the different digraphs and trigraphs. We are also introducing new tricky words each week. We are using our knowledge of phonics to work hard to read and write sentences independently.

In maths we have been looking at time and will continue to look at numbers and capacity this half term. Can you help your child tell the time to the hour? Can they talk about what time they have their dinner or go to bed?

Please continue to practise recognising numbers to 10 or 20 with your child. The cards that we sent home previously can be placed around the house, used to play snap or find them on a number hunt to help them recognise the numbers from 1-20.

Remember, your child can change their book every day now. Please ask if you aren't sure which basket your child should be taking from or if you have any other questions. Don't forget to still sign in their reading diary when you read with them as they will get to complete their reading passport and receive a certificate in assembly.

Book Buddies

We will be continuing book buddies this term. Join us from 3.25pm to read your child's home reading book with them. Polite reminder, please do not allow your child to take a biscuit or a drink unless they read to you. We really value you reading and want this to be an incentive and reward to help them.

Book buddies will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:25pm to 3:45pm.

We look forward to seeing you!

Encouraging Independence

Thank you for supporting your child in gaining their own independence. We encourage you to continue this, allowing your child to hang their own coat up, order their own lunch, change their book and put their own book bag away. The children are getting much better at changing for P.E encourage your child to continue to do this especially their buttons on their shirts which many find tricky.



Early Bird Reading

The bell rings at 8:45am every morning, this is a chance for you to join your child in their classroom to share a story together. Please ensure you leave promptly at 8:55am so we can begin our learning.