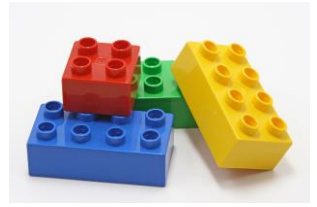


Robin and Hummingbirds Newsletter for Reception Parents

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Inspiring learners for life.

Hello and welcome to the first edition of our half termly newsletter. It will inform you of upcoming events and celebrate the achievements of the children in Robin and Hummingbird class.

Meet the team...

Robin Class

Mrs Hennessy (Teacher/ EYFS Leader)
Mrs Harris (Teacher)
Mr Overtington (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)

Hummingbird Class

Miss Ainsley (Teacher)
Miss Herne (Teaching Assistant)
Mrs White (Teaching Assistant)

You are welcome to come in and speak to one of the team at anytime, however we will be able to give you more time and more of our attention if you come after school.



Hopefully you have all managed to log onto tapestry to view child's learning journey. Whilst we make observations of your child at school we are hoping that you will upload observations of your child at home. This could be a special event or achievement, for example getting themselves dressed, riding their bike or going to a party.

We are running a problem solving drop in session on **Wednesday 9th November** straight after school. If you have any questions or are having any problems please pop in and see us.

Parent and Carers Workshops

Introduction to Phonics and Early Reading – Monday 7th November 3pm

How will my child learn to read? How can I support my child at home? Why is learning to read so important?

Introduction to Inspire Maths in reception at St Pauls – Monday 21st November 3pm

How do we introduce numbers at St Pauls? How can I support my child at home? What is INSPIRE maths?



We strongly urge you to join us in the school hall for a fun and interactive session for parents and children.

Treasure

This term our unit of learning is 'Treasure', over the next couple of weeks various pirate items are going to appear in our classroom, including a chest full of treasure!

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

- Go on a treasure hunt
- Make a pirate boat and learn about floating and sinking
- Learn the story "Ten little pirates" and change it.
- Talk about things that are special to us.
- Make a treasure chest to look after our special things



New Role-Play Area

We are setting up a new role play area called a deconstructed role-play. It will be an area children can build, imagine and create their own environment. We need big plain cardboard boxes, big cardboard tubes or big pieces of materials. We are also looking for bungee cords if you have any spare (see picture!). Thank you in advance.



We take pride in our appearance!

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

Learning in Reception

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage and are ultimately working towards the Early Learning Goals which are set for children at the end of their reception year. At this point in the year we are particularly focused on the prime areas of learning which are:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

We also provide opportunities throughout the school day for children to develop in the specific areas of learning:

- Literacy (reading and writing)
- Mathematical Development
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

We teach phonics every day, most days learning a new sound. We hope you've seen us performing the new sounds in the videos on tapestry! As well as phonics we are teaching book skills by sharing big books together and hope you will continue to read regularly at home with your child. In maths we will continue learning numbers to 20 and are beginning to break numbers into 2 or more parts. For example 5 can be 4 and 1 or 2 and 3. Come to our workshops this half term to learn more about how we teach these skills in school and how you can help your child at home.

Book Buddies

Starting on the 3rd November we will be starting book buddies. This is an opportunity for you to join your child in their classroom at 3:25pm to share their school reading book. Teachers and assistants will be around to offer support in how to read effectively with your child or answer any questions you may have. The children also get a biscuit and a drink!

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

We look forward to seeing you!

Encouraging Independence

Now your children are settling into school life we'd like to start promoting them to be more independent. Encourage them to put their own book bag and reading folder away and select their own lunch. It would also be good to start letting them get dressed in the morning, we are finding a lot of children are struggling to put their uniform back on after PE or put their coat on at playtimes.



This is Robbie the Robin. He'll be coming to visit one day soon, he is writing a diary all about his trips so please fill this in with your child.



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.



This is Harry the Hummingbird. He'll be coming to visit one day soon, he is writing a diary all about his trips so please fill this in with your child.