

Robin Class Newsletter – Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you for our very generous Christmas presents. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year!

We are once again looking forward to another busy term that will include Geography and Science topics. In Geography we will be looking at the Polar Regions and China. During the Polar Regions topic the children will be learning about the various animals and the climate. This topic will be cross curricular with Literacy, Science and Art. Therefore, this topic will be our non-fiction writing in Literacy and will include creating posters and leaflets. We will also be making plastic bottle penguins, so could your child please bring one empty plastic bottle to school, for next week. In Science we will be completing our animal topic by sorting animals into groups, such as mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

In Maths we will continue to look at partitioning tens and ones, addition, subtraction, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and learning number bonds to 20. We will also be looking at shapes, time, weight, capacity, sequencing and data. Ideas for supporting your child at home include: adding small amounts of money, mental addition and subtraction, counting on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s and practising o' clock and half past.

Our themes in Literacy are fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will be looking at a range of fiction books including Traditional Tales. We will also continue to practise spelling high frequency words, using full stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks and beginning to use joined up handwriting. Weekly spellings take place in class; if you would like to practice these further the exception words were sent home with the phonic pack (if you require another copy please let me know).

Please listen to your child read on a daily basis and record in his/ her book. If books have been read, we will change them on Mondays and Fridays. The children may however, change their Phonic book as often as they would like. We will be continuing the `Reading Mornings` every Friday, however, you will have the choice to read or complete a short activity on their tables. This will either be a phonic, writing or maths activity.

The bears have thoroughly enjoyed going home with the children! Thank you for supporting your child in writing and sharing photos of what they have been up to at the weekend. We enjoy hearing all their news. The bears will continue to be sent home with the children on a Friday. Please return them on a Monday morning.

If you have any concerns or queries at any time, please contact me directly or through the School Office.

Kind regards,

Miss Lowe