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Nursery- Robin Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and that you managed to enjoy a little bit of sunshine and lots of chocolate! We would also like to take this opportunity to say a warm welcome to our new members of Robin class: Charlie, Mason, Oscar, Ira and Logan.

Working in Nursery this term will be Mrs Marsh (Early Years Lead and Nursery Teacher) Miss Maskell (Teaching Assistant), Mrs Gellie (Nursery Nurse) and Mrs Timms (Teaching Assistant) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

In our Nursery, we follow a child led curriculum-not solely based on topics. This is designed to have the flexibility to follow children's specific interests or needs. It means that the child is in the driving seat and adults respond to what the child finds interesting or needs further support in and develops the environment and activities around these things. This is the magic of Foundation Stage and we can never quite predict where the learning may take us next!

Topic

We will be exploring the topic 'In the Garden' up until half term and then in Term 6 we will be finding out about the seaside whilst investigating the topic "Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside" Please refer to our knowledge organisers on our class blog for further details. During this half term we will be doing lots of planting so if anybody has any seeds, cuttings or plants that they would be willing to donate then we would be most grateful. We have three brand new planters that we are looking to fill.

Environment

Children will continue to have the opportunity to access both our indoor and outdoor learning environments on a daily basis. Therefore, please ensure that your child comes dressed prepared for the weather with an appropriate coat and footwear. As the weather turns warmer, please can children come to school with sun cream already applied. We are happy to reapply cream in the afternoon for those children staying all day. If this is required, then please send your child in with their own named bottle of sun cream.

Welly Wednesdays

On Wednesdays we will be taking part in welly walks around our school grounds, having fun taking part in nature activities and exploring the outdoor environment. Sometimes the ground can be wet or muddy so we ask that children bring a pair of wellies with them on Wednesdays or alternatively you can choose to keep a pair of wellies at Nursery.

Spare Clothes

Please can all children have a spare set of clothes including underwear and socks which can be kept on their peg. Accidents can happen and sometimes learning is a messy business!

Named Uniform/items

We would be most grateful if all uniform and belongings could be named to avoid items going missing or getting mixed up. Last term we seemed to have a few cardigans that mysteriously disappeared!

Nursery Blog

Our blog is updated regularly with photographs and information of what we have been learning about so please make sure you take a look. Should we need to close our bubble due to covid 19 at any point or if your child is self-isolating then this will be how we communicate with you and where we will upload suggested learning activities. If you need another copy of your child's login details, then please let a member of staff know. New members of Robin class will be issued with login details shortly.

Wow Moments

Thank you for all your 'WOW' moments last term. Please keep them coming as we would like to update the board with children's new achievements. New parents, we have a 'WOW Moment' box and display in our classroom that the children get very excited about. We would like to fill the box with examples to build up a whole picture of the children's learning. We will send home wow slips for you to note down things your child has been doing at home for us to add to our box and display. We will also share these achievements and interests with their friends. These 'WOW Moments' can tell us about anything of interest that you'd like to share with us. For example, your child's favourite bedtime story, getting dressed by themselves, how they built a tall lego tower, learning to ride their bike and many more besides!

Evidence Me

Staff in Nursery make regular observations of the children's learning to ensure their next steps are met. These are collected in each child's electronic 'Evidence Me' Learning Journey. New parents should have received an invitation via email to create your own password to enable you to access your child's learning journey online. Once you have created your password you can login via the web suite or alternatively download the app to your phone. Then you will be good to go and will be able to regularly view your child's learning and make contributions by uploading your own observations to Evidence Me. Thank you to all the parents who have been uploading observations to Evidence Me via the app. These observations are very helpful to us so please keep them coming.

Reading Books

Every Wednesday your child will continue to have the opportunity to choose a book to bring home to share with you. The purpose of this book will be to encourage reading for pleasure and to extend children's vocabulary. Whilst sharing the book with your child it would be fantastic if you could spend time discussing what is happening in the story, who the main characters are, describing the different settings and answering how and why questions. Please can these books be kept in your child's book bag after reading to avoid them being lost or damaged. Unfortunately, we will be unable to issue a new book until the old one is returned.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled term in Nursery and cannot wait for our next adventure to begin. Should you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. Our door is always open.

Best wishes

Mrs Marsh & the Nursery Team