

Year 4 Robins NEWSLETTER



Spring Newsletter

Welcome back Robins! It was wonderful to see the children return with happy smiling faces. We have an exciting term ahead of us.

In English, we look forward to developing a wide variety of writing based on our class readers, **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo, **Children Who Changed the World** by Marcia Williams, and **Earth-Shattering Events** by Robin Jacobs and Sophie Cook. We will be building on the sentence structures and writing devices from last term to produce imaginative pieces of writing that engage the reader.

In Reading, we are focussing on **summarising, sequencing** and **making inferences** from fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. We will continue to help children choose appropriate, engaging books in school and hope that you will encourage them to read on a daily basis at home. Reading regularly has a significant positive impact on children's performance in all subjects. **On Tuesday 13th January 2026 9:05am** we have our Book Breakfast event, it will be a great time for parents and children to explore our library and complete reading activities.

Maths sees us focus on mental and written methods for **Multiplication, Length & Perimeter, Fractions and Decimals**. There is a strong focus on learning basic number facts and the children are being given a lot of practice on their times tables. Please support your children to learn their tables at home. To help with learning their tables, all children have access to Times Tables Rockstars and should be using it for ten minutes three times a week. Don't forget we will be having regular rewards for those working hard on TT-Rockstars.

In Science, Robins will be exploring **Electricity** and understanding the **States of Matter**. Children will conduct various experiments and analyse the results, before moving to applying their learning and designing their own experiments. **On Monday 26th January 2026** we have exciting Electrifying Science trip to the Birmingham Think -Tank Science museum.

In History, we will begin our new unit on the **Ancient Romans**. In Art we will learn about Roman Mosaics and create our own and in D&T we will be making delicious Ancient Roman inspired flat breads.

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For Geography our theme is **"Earth in action"**, we will understand the structure of the Earth, explore features of mountains, volcanoes and investigate why earthquakes happen.

In PSHE we will first explore **Dreams & Goals**. We will develop skills in working in a group, celebrating contributions, resilience and positive attitudes. We then have "Healthy Me" where we will understand healthy friendships, celebrating our inner self and the effects of smoking, alcohol and peer pressure.

Our RE lessons cover both religious and non-religious world views. Our focus is on Hinduism and Christianity exploring the concept of God and forgiveness.

For PE we will explore Gymnastics, Dance, Handball and Football. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school. This includes suitable footwear and a hoody or sweatshirt for when they have PE outside. All PE kit and school uniform should be clearly labelled.

Children are expected to read regularly at home and update their reading records. Homework is given on Fridays and homework books are handed in every Wednesday. Additionally, there are extra spelling tasks and Times Table tasks to complete online.

Attached with this newsletter is a copy of this terms Knowledge Organisers for Science and History. They are a great tool for previewing and reviewing taught knowledge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

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