

Important Dates

- 1st and 8th November - Parent Consultations (Please book online)
- Friday 23rd November - Festival of Light day (volunteers required)
- Saturday 24th November - Christmas Fayre. If you would like to offer your help and support please liaise with Mrs Hutton (Puffin Parent) or Mrs Jones (Robins Parent).
- Friday 30th November - Christmas Sock day. Please bring in your donation for the school Christmas hamper.
- Wednesday 5th December and Thursday 6th December 9:30 am - EYFS Christmas performances. Ticket information will be issued shortly.
- Friday 14th December - Christmas school dinner and Christmas movie evening.
- Monday 17th December 1:00pm - Class Christmas party (help appreciated)
- Thursday December 20th - School Christmas holiday

Drop-in sessions will continue on alternate Wednesdays WK/C 12th November 9:00am to 9:15am.

Now the children have settled into reception, please refrain from bringing toys into school. This half-term we are looking forward to celebrating the children's achievements, sharing special events and experiences together.

Mrs Buckingham , Mr Allcorn and the Foundation Stage staff.



Robins & Doves



I hope you all had a relaxing half-term holiday. We have a very exciting few weeks ahead of us and I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the elements we will cover.

Our main topic for this Half term is



Let's Celebrate

As our topic is 'Let's Celebrate' we are very keen to begin to celebrate your child's achievements and developments at home; through our school values. If your child demonstrates any of our school values, please write their home achievement on one of our pebble templates or even email the school office photos/videos etc. These successes may include **perseverance** in a hobby (eg. swimming 5m) or something that you know your child has been trying hard with for a while. As a class we will share these during show and tell and celebrate your child's achievement displaying them on our class values board.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be exploring our new environment establishing routines, rules and expectations. We will celebrate achievements school / home and during circle time linking them to our values.

Literacy

We will continue to read a range of stories, developing language and awareness of structure. We will tell stories, scribing them together and acting them out as a class. In Phonics, we will continue to consolidate our retention of the initial sounds and use these to synthesise and read words. We will also begin to develop recognition and retention of key words. The children will receive reading books this half term please look after these bringing them to school daily and don't forget to celebrate their progress by writing regularly in the blue diary.

Construction and Expressive Art & Design

We will discuss, plan and research things we would like to make/build. We will use blocks and recycled materials to construct these ideas. Please bring in any empty and clean yoghurts pots, collapsed boxes, tubes etc. to enhance our making area.

Understanding of the world

We will share and discuss special events in our own and other peoples lives.

Maths

We will continue to develop our number sense this half term working from 5-10. We will begin to use pennies at school to pay for items, like snacks. Please encourage your child to explore the number of the week in their environment; spotting the numeral, looking at coins and counting objects and actions accurately. Please send in photos for our maths

Physical Development

We will be focusing on dance linked to multi-cultural celebrations. We will listen, explore and move our bodies to music from around the world. PE will now be on a Friday morning but please could your child have their PE kit in school daily. A reminder that kit needs to contain; shorts, coloured team t-shirt, plimsoles/trainers and all clothes must be labelled with their names. Earrings should not be worn on PE days and long hair needs to be tied back.

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Get involved

If you would like to be involved in the school community by volunteering, we appreciate help with any of the following; special events, readers, cooking, gardening or arts and crafts. For more information please don't hesitate to contact the office admin@gbpa.org.uk Thank you to the people who have already volunteered, you will be contacted shortly.

On a Wednesday morning Mrs Lawes will cover Reception supported by Mrs Cuccurullo, Mrs Pickard and Miss North. Mr Allcorn will return and teach reception for the afternoon supported by Mrs Marshall, Mrs Pickard and Miss North.