

Welcome to
Robins!



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

Literacy

The children will be looking at a variety of different aspects in Literacy this term in keeping with our theme.

- We will be learning how to plan our sentences out loud before writing.
- We will be learning how to use capital letters and full stops.
- We will be learning how to form our letters correctly and how to use our phonics knowledge to write words.

PSHE/SEAL

In PSHE we will be looking at roles and responsibilities. We will look at what responsibilities we have and how we fit in as part of a community. We will also focus on understanding what community is and how to be a responsible citizen within a community.

History

The children will be looking into the ways in which Sutton St James has changed over time.

- Children will learn about the ways that farming has changed over the years.
- Children will be able to sequence the way in which Sutton St James has changed in the order that they have happened through recalling events and photo sequencing.

Maths

This term the children will have a focus on number and place value. They will be building their knowledge of addition and subtraction within 10. We will be using number lines and part, part whole models to support this learning. We will also be beginning to look at shape, both 2D and 3D.

Art/DT

In Art, we will be looking at spiral art.

We will look at how we can control the lines we make by being aware of how we hold a drawing tool, how much pressure we apply, and how fast or slow we move. We will look at how we can draw from observation or imagination. We will learn that we can use colour to help our drawings engage others.

In DT, we will be looking at using moving parts to make our Christmas cards.

Science

- This term we will be looking in and around our school grounds with outdoor activities to identify various types of trees and plants.
- We will be thinking about the features that help us identify them and the different parts that make up flowers.
- We will also be looking at the changes that the seasons will soon be having on the trees in our local area.

Music

This term the children will be looking at the differences between traditional music in England and compare this to traditional music from other countries. This will include the National Anthem of Great Britain, the bagpipes of Scotland and the drums of Africa. The children have music on Wednesdays.

PE

This term pupils will explore the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping. Pupils will work collaboratively with others, taking turns and sharing ideas through fun multi-skills type activities. Pupils will develop balancing, rolling and jumping. They will use these skills individually and in combination to develop sequence work, with others.

RE

• This term we will be looking at what Christians and Muslims believe in. We will look at their beliefs and how these beliefs are translated into their everyday life. When studying Islam, we will look at how Allah is described in the Qur'an and what Muslims learn about Allah and their faith through the Qur'an. In Christianity, we will learn what Christians learn and understand about God through Old Testament Bible stories.

We will also look at what stories in the New Testament tell Christians about Jesus.

Geography

This term in Geography we will be focusing on the local area and how land is used in the village.

We will also be learning about the 4 countries which make up the United Kingdom. We will learn the names of the capital cities in the UK and discover some of their famous landmarks.

Our classroom environment

At this point in the year, I aim to provide a smooth transition from reception to Year 1. There are still areas of continuous provision for free play and areas for independent challenge. As the year progresses the children will spend more time working as a class at desks whilst still having some access to the free play and challenges.



HOW CAN I BEST SUPPORT MY CHILD?

- Label any clothing
- Behavioural issues
- Reading

Read Write Inc

- Phonics is the method of teaching reading through the identification of sounds and graphemes. This gives your child the tools to read any word.
- All words are made up of individual sounds, these sounds are merged together to form words. e.g. in 'mat' we have the sounds 'm' 'a' 't'.
- A grapheme is another name for the letters we use to write the sound.



Read Write Inc. Phonics daily lessons



Parent information sessions

- You are invited to attend one of the parent information sessions in the next couple of weeks.
- You will learn about the system we use to teach children to read.
- You will also find out how you can best support your child to learn to read at home including using the links which will be sent home weekly.
- You will learn more about the phonics screening test which will take place at the end of Year 1.
- 17th September at 2.45
- 24th September at 6pm



School initiative to encourage reading at home

- Please sign your child's **Reading Record** each time they read.
- These will be checked on a **Monday**
- 28 signatures in your child's record equals a certificate presented in a Celebration Assembly.
- 5 reads a week for the whole term equals an opportunity to participate in a Reading Reward in the last week of the term.
- Your child will bring home 3 books – 2 of these are for them to read to you, one is for you to enjoy together and that they have chosen.



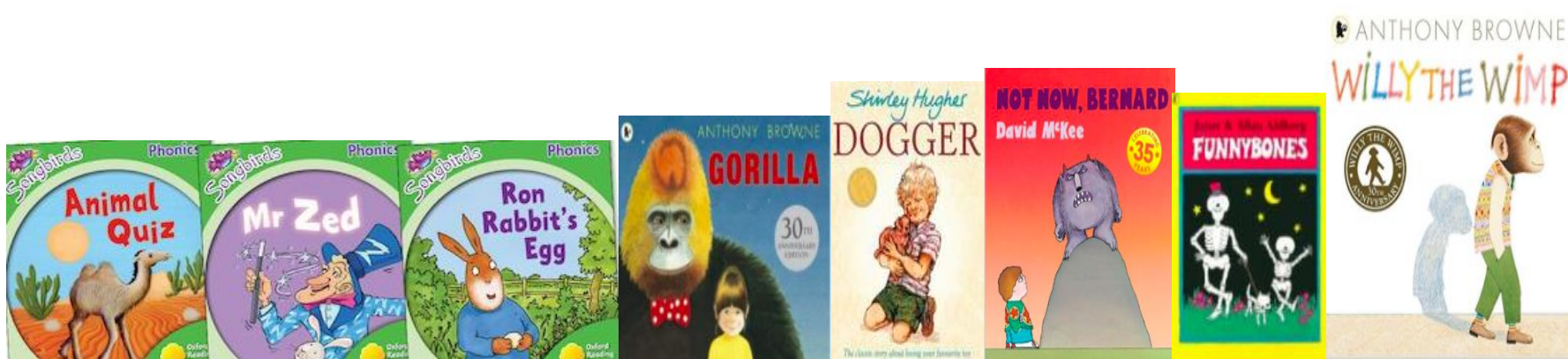
Reading at home

- Children will move onto Read Write Inc storybooks once reading all Set 1 Sounds speedily.
- **Read Write Inc storybooks** will be given out when a phonics book is finished in the lesson. This should be approximately every 3 days.
- Children will be able to visit the reading area and take out a book for you to share together.



Repeated readings Again! Again!

Children are wired to thrive on **repetition**



HOMEWORK

GIVEN OUT ON A
THURSDAY...

... HANDED BACK IN
ON A TUESDAY.

Maths

English

Reading

Spelling

Home learning

- In addition to reading, children will be given a piece of Maths and Spelling homework.
- Maths will be based on learning that they have been doing that week.
- Spelling will be based on the Year 1 common exception words. These are words which are tricky to spell phonetically, and which are used often in their writing.
- If you have any concerns, or your child is finding it more difficult than you would expect, please come and talk to me.

Online resources available

- Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:
 - <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>
- Ruth Miskin Facebook:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>
- Free e-books for home reading:
 - <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>