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Dear Parents/Carers,

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## Robins Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2024



Welcome back everyone to the new school year and to all the children in Robins class. We would like to welcome the newest members and their families to our class: *Harry, Lydia, Huxley, George, Freddie, Valentina, Daisy, Aa'Jiah, Oban, Lily, Ivy and Imogen*. An extra welcome to *Gracie* and her family who are one of our newest families to Great Whelnetham. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the new school year. Please find below some key information about this half term.

### Curriculum Learning:

English:	Maths:	Science:	Curriculum Blocks:
This term we will continue to develop our skills in reading, writing, spelling and grammar. <b>Our focus is:</b> Writing character descriptions, creating non-chronological reports and creative poetry.	<b>Y2:</b> Place Value, Addition and Subtraction  <b>Y3:</b> Place Value, Addition and Subtraction	Our topic is Survival of Humans and Animals.	<b>History:</b> The Gunpowder Plot  <b>Design and Technology:</b> Making a Vehicle  <b>PSHE:</b> Being Me in my World

### P.E/Forest Schools:

This term in Robins our P.E. focus is gymnastics. This term **P.E and Active Lunchtime Club is on Tuesdays**. P.E. kits need to include: a white t shirt and black shorts, socks and trainers. Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

Forest Schools will be on **Wednesday mornings** Please ensure your child comes to school in their 'Forest School' clothing and brings their uniform to get changed into later in the day.

We strongly recommend Forest School clothing should include: **trousers, waterproof trousers, long sleeved top, jumper, waterproof coat, hat, and gloves in a carrier bag**. Named wellies need to be in school at all times and can be kept in our welly store.



### Homework:

**Reading:** All pupils are expected to read for a few minutes every weekday evening. Reading everyday will help your child improve their fluency in reading and improve their understanding of the books they read which is essential in all areas of learning. Please record when they have read in their reading diary making any relevant comments.

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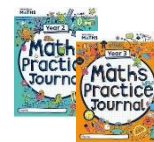
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**Whole School Reading Challenge:** This year our theme is 'Under the Sea'. All pupils should have now received their 1<sup>st</sup> bookmark. Please shade in a star each time your child has read at home. When a bookmark has been completed your child will receive 10 house points!



**Spellings:** Starting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September weekly spellings will be sent home in your child's Reading diary for your child to practice. A spelling test is carried out every Friday. In your child's reading diary will be a log-in to Spelling Shed where your child can practice their spellings via fun games and activities. Please do encourage your child to log-on each evening to practice reading and writing their spellings.

**Maths homework:** This term the children will have weekly math's activities to complete in our 'Maths Practice Journals' for up to 30 minutes each week. These activities will relate to the learning taking place in school. Each week the children will need to complete three activities: 'Let's Remember', 'Let's Practice' and finally a fun 'Real World Maths' activity. Homework will be sent home on a **Friday** to be returned to class the following **Wednesday**.



**Book bags, Water bottles and Coats:** In Robins we encourage year 2 pupils to bring their belongings into school using a named book bag. As the children progress into Year 3 they have the choice to bring their belongings in a book bag or a rucksack (this begins to develop more independence for the pupils). Please ensure **everything** is named, therefore we can ensure personal belongings are returned to the right person.

We ask all children to bring to school on a Monday a clean water bottle. We will send the water bottles home every Friday to ensure they are cleaned thoroughly. The weather is very changeable at the moment so if you could please ensure your child has a sunhat and a waterproof jacket that should cover every eventuality!



### News

**School Trip** - This term Robins children will take part in a school trip to 'Abbeygate Sixth Form College' to take part in 'Escalator' Day giving our pupils the opportunity to consider careers of the future. Please look out for further information regarding this.

### Important Dates:

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** - Class Information Meeting  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Robins Class Trip 'Escalator Day'  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evening  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evening  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Harvest Festival

We hope you find this information helpful and we look forward to working with all our families during this term.

Best wishes

Miss Tyler & Mrs Milner  
Robins Team

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