



Wednesday 17th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Spring Term in Robin Class, we hope it will be another exciting and enjoyable term.

Our Topic is 'On the Move' and will be all about different types of transport. Enclosed with this letter is the Topic Web which gives you some idea of the sorts of things we will be doing. It will encompass narrative writing, non-fiction writing about transport and poetry. As always it is our mission to make the curriculum as engaging and inspiring as we can. We are hoping to do several visits including one to Beaulieu Motor Museum.

Most of the children in the class are included in mainstream classes for one or two afternoons each week and it is during these times that the majority of their science, history and geography curriculum will be covered. Have a look on the school website to see the different year group topics and the curriculum content. The science that we will be covering in Robins is based around Forces and Friction as well as 'Working Scientifically'. The History we will be covering is around how transport has changed through time and how this has impacted on people's lives.

There will be lots of art activities linked to the topic including making papier mache hot air balloons and clay work as well as looking at the work of Andy Warhol. We are focussing on road safety in PSHE as well as feeling empathy and understanding. We will be revisiting 'Streetwise' to practise our road safety learning.

The children all do PE and Music with their mainstream buddies and this is on different days. All Robin class need to have their named PE kit in school every day so it is best to bring it on a Monday and then it can be sent home on a Friday.

Generally speaking Robins do Literacy activities in the morning followed by Guided Reading, then Circle Time and break/snack time. Please remember that healthy snacks such as fruit and vegetables are the only snack we allow. After break there are maths activities and we usually use the Lexia Reading Programme before lunch. After lunch the children are involved in a range of settings – some are included in mainstream classes and some in nurture or life skills groups while some remain in the classroom. The Robins children are carefully placed according to need and this will vary.



The children will all bring their book bag home each day and it is important that this is returned **every day**. In the book bag you will find a reading book and a reading record where you can record your reading with your child. Please read as often as you can with your child. The whole school participate in the 'Reading Raffle' scheme where those children who read to an adult at home and record it in their Reading Record earn a raffle ticket. The raffle is drawn in assembly each week for the chance to win a book. It is important to read and re-read texts until the vocabulary is really familiar. It is also important to talk about the story and the characters – what they are doing and how they might be feeling. There will be some words your child needs to learn to spell. Please practise these frequently, daily if possible. In school we will regularly check how the children are doing with their words and add more as needed.

If your child travels by school transport, you will also find a communication book. We will always check these so please feel free to use this to tell us anything you think might be important. We will also communicate this way if there is anything we need to share with you. Those children who come to school with parents and carers we will usually catch on the playground if there is anything we need to tell you.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nicky Harling and the RP Team

