



Robin Hood Primary School

Reception Newsletter – Friday 22nd October 2021

This Week:

We have had a fantastic last week in Reception! Our PTA school disco was so much fun – we hope the children who came, enjoyed it! We are impressed with how the children have been accessing the areas of provision; we are really seeing their independence and curiosity.

Home Learning:

Reading – To read your phonics book at least 3 times a week, and your reading for pleasure book with a parent. Please ensure these are logged on your Go Read app. We have allocated the children books on Oxford Owl and you will need to be able to log on and see the books allocated to your children – the passwords etc. are in the front of your child's home learning book.

Phonics – Letter formation of sounds learnt so far **s a t p i n m d**. Fun suggestions: chalk, paint, shaving foam! Please also practise writing your full name in many different ways! Challenge: How many different ways can you write it? Examples: paint, felt tips, gel pens!

Water and Sand – Please can you send in photos of your child enjoying sand or water play. Ideas of this could be:

- Summer visits to the seaside
- Playing in sand at home
- Splashing in puddles/playing in the rain
- Helping to wash up
- Drinking water

We are going to be discussing these together and adding them to our water and sand areas. Thank you in advance!

After the holiday:

Literacy: We will be reading the story, Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper. We will explore this autumnal story and will discuss the setting, plot and characters. Across the week, the children will create their own list of ingredients to make pumpkin soup using letters and sounds that they know. We will be modelling correct formation of letters in their list and in name writing.

Phonics: After the holiday, we will be learning the new letter/sounds: **g o c k**. The children will be encouraged to match these initial sounds to objects and listen for the sounds in different words. We will progress onto writing these sounds and drawing images to represent

the initial sound. We will revisit helpful words learnt so far (**the** and **to**) and will learn the new helpful word: **I**. We are teaching the children that helpful words cannot be segmented and can only be read by sight.

Maths: We will be introducing '1, 2 and 3' and will be listening to the story 'I am Number 1' by Michael Rosen. Across the week, the children will learn how to count forwards and backwards to 3 and will become confident with this number pattern. The children will be identifying numerals 1-3 and will match quantities accordingly. We will encourage language such as... "I know it is this number because..."

Reminders:

- Friday 22nd is the end of this half term, we return to school on Monday November 1st.
- Please ensure you are dropping off/picking up your child in the allocated time slot, based on your child's surname:

Arrive	Leave
A – M 8:40 – 8:50	A – M 3:00 – 3:10
N– Z 8:50 – 9.00	N- Z 3:10 – 3:20

- Every day your child has the option of having a piece of snack (fruit or vegetable) provided by school, which they can enjoy in the Snack Café. Please feel free to send in an alternative piece of fruit or vegetable, if you wish.
- If you would like to bring in treats for your child's birthday, please ensure these are individually wrapped, e.g. Haribos.
- Please ensure you have joined your child's Google Classroom to ensure you are receiving key information and updates.
- We are a Healthy School, therefore if you are sending your child with a packed lunch, please ensure you are providing a balanced, healthy lunch for your child. You can find some suggestions on the following website - <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>, which provides some sweet/chocolate substitutions, as **sweets and chocolates should not be in your child's lunchbox**.
- Please work alongside your child in practising how to zip up their own coat. The winter months are coming and it will be beneficial to your child – ensuring they get their full playtime instead of queueing to get their coat zipped up.
- If you wish to contact your child's class teacher, please use the below email address during school hours:
mssteel@robinhoodapps.co.uk (Miss Steel – R1)
mrs Carter@robinhoodapps.co.uk (Mrs Carter – R2)

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Steel, Mrs Carter & the Reception Team