



Robin Hood Primary School

Reception Newsletter – Friday 26th November 2021

This Week:

We have had a brilliant week and have really embraced the cold with lots of outdoor learning. We enjoyed our parachute games, working both individually and as a team. The children are now really starting to appreciate their phonics lessons – many now realising that this is the key to their reading and writing – plus it's lots of fun! All the children have really embraced our new story 'Owl Babies' and have recited it by heart this week – stay tuned for their recordings on Google classrooms.

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 are aware of some difficulties that some parents have logged. 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.

Phonics – Phonics matching sound sheet – /h/ /b/ /f/ /ff/ – please encourage your child to work independently and identify the initial sounds. Ask your child the meaning of a digraph (two letters that make one sound)

Writing – Write a list of people who help us in our community – do you know anyone who has these jobs? Can you get a picture?

Please bring your Reading Folder to school every Monday. These will be changed and handed back out by Wednesday. Please remember to log the books we send home from school, on the Go Read app. It is optional to record any other books you share with your child.

BIKE DONATIONS - In the spring term we are going to have bike ability sessions to allow children to practise skills needed to ride a bike independently. If you have any old bikes (without stabilisers) that you wish to donate, please contact Miss Steel or Mrs Carter via email or on the door. Thank you in advance!

Next Week:

Literacy: We will continue to learn about owls by looking at non-fiction sources to learn about different owl facts. The children will be encouraged to describe owls using their senses, touch (owl feathers), hear and see. The children will be comparing different breeds of owls

and will learn to write a simple fact about one.

Phonics: Next week we will re-cap the letter/sounds **/l/ /ll/ /le/ /ss/**, and will practise listening and identifying these sounds in a Floppy Phonics story. 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 sounds in words.

Maths: In Maths next week, we are learning about shapes with 4 sides. We will identify shapes in our environment and learn technical terms for the edges and corners. Across the week, the children will have practical opportunities to help them to understand the concept of shape and size.

Reminders:

- Christmas concert: **Thursday 16th December** in the School Hall (**9:15-9:45am** and **3:30-4:00pm**)
 - Our dress rehearsal will be on **Wednesday 8th December** so if possible; your child can come to school in their Christmas outfit on this day. Your child will not need their PE kit on this day.
- Indoor PE – Our PE day is on a **Wednesday**. On Wednesday's your child can come to school dressed in their PE kit (white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms or shorts, black or green jumper and trainers).
- 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.
- Water Bottles will remain in school and will be washed and refilled ready for your child every day.
- 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.

- If your child requires basic First Aid at school, we may need to apply a plaster to an injury. Please can you let a member of the Reception Team know if your child is **unable** to wear plasters. Thank you.
- 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)
mrscarter@robinhoodapps.co.uk (Mrs Carter – R2)

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Steel, Mrs Carter & the Reception Team.