



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*KEY STAGE ONE (YEARS 1 AND 2) NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2021*



We hope you all had a good summer and welcome you to the autumn term. The children have settled in well and have enjoyed sharing some of their holiday diaries.

## GENERAL REMINDERS

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle with a sports cap to avoid spillages and that all other personal property is **clearly labelled** with your child's name. This includes all uniform, PE uniform, book bags, lunchboxes and pots for snacks.

A little reminder from Mrs Wilks, could all parents and carers please keep their children with them as they approach the school crossing, and always accompany the younger children across the road. Thank you



## PE

On PE/Sport days your child will attend school in an outdoor PE uniform, with shoes appropriate for taking part in physical activity. PE uniform should be a plain black (or other dark plain colour) top and trousers. Please refrain from buying expensive, branded items.

### Indoor Games and Dance (required all year for indoor PE and sport)

A plain white T-shirt;

Black shorts;

Black plimsolls.

(On occasions, children will work barefoot unless they have a foot infection).

## JEWELLERY

Jewellery should not be worn. Only ear studs are permitted (no hoops). Earrings must be removed before school on PE days.

Please make sure that your child can fasten and unfasten their own clothes (this is needed when they use the toilet). They should also be able to put their shoes and tie their laces independently. If your child can not tie their own laces, please send them to school in footwear they can fasten independently.

PE/Sport in Key Stage 1 will take place on:

NJ	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
CG	Monday, Tuesday and Friday
NB	Monday, Tuesday and Friday

## CURRICULUM



In English we will be studying:

- Week 1 – Friendship Week
- Week 2 – Friendship Week
- Week 3 – Handwriting and Grammar
- Week 4 – Sentence Stacking
- Week 5 – Sentence Stacking
- Week 6 – Writing a Recount
- Week 7 – Instructional Writing
- Week 8 – Assessment Week
- Week 9 – Theme Week
- Week 10 – Fictional Writing
- Week 11 – Fictional Writing
- Week 12 – Narratives - Story
- Week 13 – Narratives – Story
- Week 14 – Narratives – Story
- Week 15 – Assessment Week



In Maths we will be studying:

- Week 1 – Friendship Week
- Week 2 – Counting, Partitioning and Calculating
- Week 3 – Counting, Partitioning and Calculating
- Week 4 - Counting, Partitioning and Calculating
- Week 5 – Addition and Subtraction
- Week 6 – Addition and Subtraction
- Week 7 – Addition and Subtraction
- Week 8 – Geometry -Shape
- Week 9 – Geometry - Shape
- Week 10 – Measurement - Money
- Week 11 – Measurement - Money
- Week 12 – Statistics
- Week 13 – Number Fluency
- Week 14 – Number Fluency
- Week 15 – Christmas Themed Activities

During Friendship Week the children will learn about their new classes and how they can make a positive contribution. This links to our PSHE topic of 'Relationships'.



In science, the children will be learning about what plants need to grow. In geography, we will be investigating where our food comes from, which links with our D.T. module that involves the children designing and making their own fruit smoothies.



During computing, we will be focusing on 'Online Safety', encouraging the children to be safe and



aware. This links with our D.T. unit where the children will be learning to use a video camera to make a short video on how to make their fruit smoothie.

In our history lessons we will be learning about the lives of individuals who have contributed to national achievements. We will be focussing upon Florence Nightingale.



During our R.E. topic we will be discussing special people in our lives and community, linking to special people celebrated by Christians.



In P.E. we will be learning and developing a variety of different skills and applying them when using a selection of equipment. Moving onto dance which will be linked with our music topic of 'Hands, Feet, Heart and World'.



## **DATES**

28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September – Parent Consultations

18<sup>th</sup> October – Theme Week

25<sup>th</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

1<sup>st</sup> November – Return to school

17<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term

## **READING**

Just to remind you that all children should be reading at home at least 4 times a week. They need to read their books at least twice (once for decoding and for fluency/comprehension) before changing. Please indicate in the reading record every time your child reads as this is linked to a reward system in school.

Thank you for continued support which is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Jackson / Mrs Gunnell / Miss Bradfield  
Key Stage 1