



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

UPPER KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 5 AND 6) NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2022

A very warm welcome back to the autumn term. We trust that you and your families had an enjoyable summer break.

UNIFORM

Thank you to parents for the effort you put into ensuring your child adheres to uniform requirements. All items of uniform need to be labelled. May we remind you that only small stud earrings are permitted and for health and safety reasons. These earrings must be removed for P.E. Also, if hair is of a length that can be tied back, it should be. School shoes should be worn, unless there is a medical reason, in which case, we require a medical note. Jewellery and make-up should not be worn, including lip gloss.

PE UNIFORM

Just to remind you that PE uniform is:

- . plain white t-shirt (or with school logo);
- . black shorts;
- . trainers.

If it is cold, then a plain black sweatshirt and jogging bottoms can be worn. Fitbits cannot be worn because of possible connectivity and GDPR. PE uniform must be brought to school in a drawstring bag (no backpacks) because of a lack of space in the classroom. This will be taken home at the end of each PE day.

CURRICULUM COVERAGE

The National Curriculum is followed for both English and maths.

Week Commencing	English	Mathematics Mrs Rawling and Mr Smith	Mathematics Miss Baldwin
5th September	Friendship Week Activities Sentence Stacking (Have you Filled a Bucket today?) Grammar – types of nouns	Initial Assessments	Initial Assessments
12th September	Sentence Stacking (The Worry machine) Grammar – adjectives and adjectival phrases	Number and place value / addition and subtraction with decimals	Number and place value
19th September	Sentence Stacking (The Worry machine) Grammar – main verbs and auxiliary verbs	Multiplication by two-digit numbers and negative numbers	Addition and subtraction
26th September	Sentence Stacking (Tuesday) Grammar: subject, verb, object	Division by two-digit numbers	Multiplication and division by one digit
3rd October	Sentence stacking (Tuesday) Grammar: active and passive voice	Calculating with decimals	Multiplication by two digits
10th October	Non-fiction: diary writing	Word problems with remainders	Using equivalent fractions

	Grammar: co-ordinating conjunctions and subordinating conjunctions		
17 th October	Non-fiction: diary writing Grammar: adverbs	BIDMAS	Addition and subtraction of fractions
24 th October	Half-term	Half-term	Half-term
31 st October	Non-fiction: newspaper reports Grammar: adverbs	Calculations with fractions	Properties of shapes
7 th November	Non-fiction: newspaper reports Grammar: noun phrases	Calculations with fractions	Measuring and drawing angles
14 th November	Non-fiction: newspaper reports Grammar: speech	Percentages	Reflections and translations
21 st November	Sentence Stacking (The Lost Happy Endings) Grammar: prepositions	Percentages	3-d shapes
28 th November	Sentence Stacking (The Lost Happy Endings) Grammar: verbs - simple past (perfect)	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Co-ordinates
5 th December	Poetry Grammar: verbs – past perfect	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Statistics
12 th December	Assessment	Christmas revision	Christmas revision

During science lessons, children will be looking at evolution and inheritance, as well as life cycles and life processes. Throughout these units, pupils will be developing their skills in scientific investigation. 'We are advertisers' which involves the children creating their own digital advert is this term's computing topic. E-Safety will be taught throughout the year at the start of each unit, to ensure that children are continually aware of its importance.



In history and geography, the Canvey Floods will be studied to enable children to appreciate the experiences of people in the local area. R.E. studies will focus on Christianity and being a member of the community, as well as the Jewish home. Our art unit '3D people in action' allows children to develop their sculpting skills and techniques. Athletics, gymnastics and multi-skills, will be taught in

P.E. and the weather and seasons in French. During the first weeks back, our focus will be on PSHE and RSE curriculum; topics covered include: mental wealth, respect, valuing diversity, relationships and friendship. For music, the children will be learning songs and performing them in the production... Watch this space!

HOMWORK

In Upper Key Stage 2, homework will be set weekly on Thursdays via Google Classroom to be turned in by the following Tuesday.

ROOTS TO FOOD

The very enjoyable Roots to Food roadshow will once again hopefully be making their annual visit to our school on Friday the 30th September, where the children will learn recipes to cook with you at home!





HANDWRITING WEEK

On the second week back, we will have Handwriting Week. Across all subjects, we will be focussing on improving handwriting and presentation. We will be looking for the most improved handwriting in each class at the end of the week.

PRODUCTION

Our production this year will take place on Thursday 17th November. There will be two performances, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Please put this date in your diary and watch this space for further updates!



AUTHOR'S WEEK AND HARRY POTTER DAY

Each class will be studying an author during the week beginning 17th October, culminating in a Harry Potter Day on Friday 21st October. Everyone will be have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite Harry Potter character.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rawling, Mr Smith and Miss Baldwin
Year 5/6 Teachers