



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LOWER KEY STAGE TWO (YEARS 3 AND 4) 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 their summer homework.

CURRICULUM COVERAGE

The children in Years 3 and 4 will follow the National Curriculum for English and mathematics and they will be learning the following aspects:

Week Commencing	English	Mathematics
30 th August	Friendship Week activities	Friendship Week activities
6 th September	Friendship Week activities and assessment	Friendship Week activities and assessment
13 th September	Sentence Stacking Word classes	Number and place value
20 th September	Sentence Stacking Word classes	Addition and subtraction
27 th September	Sentence Stacking Word classes	Addition and subtraction
4 th October	Information texts linked to Science	Multiplication and division
11 th October	Information texts linked to Science and History Assessment	Multiplication and division
18 th October	Theme week based on authors Information texts linked to History	Mental arithmetic Theme week based on authors
25 th October	Half term	
1 st November	Parliament Week	Fractions
8 th November	Books from different cultures	Fractions
15 th November	Non-chronological reports linked to geography	Measurement focusing on Time and Ratio (Y4)
22 nd November	Newspaper reports	Measurement focusing on Length, Mass and Volume
29 th November	Newspaper reports	Classifying and comparing 2D and 3D shapes
6 th December	Assessment	Coordinates, position and translation
13 th December	Christmas poetry - words, ideas and images for effect	Mathematical investigations

In science, the children will study animals, including humans. They will be learning about the digestive system of humans, nutrition, skeletons, muscles, teeth, food chains and identifying producers, predators and prey. The children will learn about the Stone Age in history. In design and technology, the focus will be food and seasonality.

P.E. this term includes athletics, dance and multi-skills. E-Safety and coding are the focus for computing sessions. In art, the children will learn about William Morris and create work using his methods and techniques.

R.E. lessons will teach children about Bible and Prayer as well as the Anglican Church. Relationships and families is addressed through P.S.H.E. Music focuses on learning about the music of Abba. French lessons will focus on greetings and then asking for and giving names. British values such as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs will be addressed throughout the curriculum.

UNIFORM

Thank you to parents/carers for the effort you put into ensuring your child adheres to our uniform requirements. May we just remind you that only small stud earrings are permitted for health and safety reasons. On P.E. days, please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. uniform and that all earrings are removed and hair is tied back where appropriate.

P.E. SESSIONS

Miss Maloney's class have P.E. sessions on Tuesday and Friday.
Mrs Vickery's class have P.E. sessions on Tuesday and Friday.
Mr Chaplin's class have P.E. sessions on Tuesday and Thursday.

HOME READING

Children are expected to read at home, **to an adult**, at least **4** times each week. This can include reading on Saturday and Sunday and two other weekdays. Please **sign your child's reading record** so that this can be confirmed. If your child's reading record does not indicate reading to an adult, rewards are unable to be given. Children who read at least 4 times each week will be rewarded at the end of the week.

HOMEWORK

In KS2, homework will be set weekly on Thursdays to be returned the following Tuesday. The tasks will alternate between English and maths activities. Additionally, pupils will be expected to practise multiplication tables in preparation for weekly tests. Not forgetting the expectation that your child reads four or more times to an adult each week.

All homework will be set via Google Classroom. Work will then need to be completed in the home learning book they will be provided with and then a picture of this will need to be uploaded.

LABELLING PERSONAL PROPERTY

Please ensure that **all personal property is clearly labelled** with your child's name. This includes all uniform, PE kits, lunchboxes, water bottles and pots for snacks. As the children move around the school during the course of the day, if their property is labelled, any lost or mislaid items can be returned.

PRESENTATION AND HANDWRITING

This term there will be a focus on the presentation of work and quality of handwriting across the curriculum. This includes; English, maths, science and all foundation subjects.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Maloney, Mrs Vickery and Mr Chaplin