



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

UPPER KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 5 AND 6) NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2021

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.

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.

CURRICULUM COVERAGE

The National Curriculum is followed for both English and maths.

Week Commencing	English	Mathematics Mrs Rawling and Mr Smith	Mathematics Miss Baldwin
1 st September	Friendship Week Activities	Initial Assessments	Initial Assessments
6 th September	Sentence Stacking ('Kindness is my Superpower') Grammar: noun revision	Number and place value / addition and subtraction with decimals	Number and place value
13 th September	Sentence Stacking ('The New Girl') Grammar: active and passive sentences	Multiplication by two-digit numbers and negative numbers	Addition and subtraction
20 th September	Sentence Stacking ('The Lost Thing') Grammar: verb revision	Division by two-digit numbers	Multiplication and division by one digit
27 th September	Sentence Stacking ('The Lost Thing') Grammar: verb strings	Calculating with decimals	Multiplication by two digits
4 th October	Sentence Stacking ('The Lost Thing') Grammar: adjectives	Word problems with remainders	Using equivalent fractions
11 th October	Poetry Grammar: expanded noun phrases	BIDMAS	Addition and subtraction of fractions
18 th October	Author study Grammar: consolidation	Fraction Revision	Converting units of measure

25 th October	Half-term	Half-term	Half-term
1 st November	Instructions Grammar: adverbs of manner, place and time	Calculations with fractions	Properties of shapes
8 th November	Explanations Grammar: prepositions	Calculations with fractions	Measuring and drawing angles
15 th November	Newspaper reports Grammar: conjunctions	Percentages	Reflections and translations
22 nd November	Newspaper reports Grammar: speech punctuation	Percentages	3-d shapes
29 th November	Narrative – character Grammar: subordinate clauses	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Co-ordinates
6 th December	Narrative – setting Grammar: prepositional phrases	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Statistics
13 th December	Assessment	Christmas revision	Christmas revision

During science lessons, children in Year 6/5 classes will be looking at the Earth and space, as well as the digestive and circulatory systems. Throughout these units, pupils will be developing their skills in scientific investigation. Manipulating images will be covered in computing. To ensure that children are continually aware of its importance, E-Safety will be taught throughout the year in the first week of each half-term. The Mayans will be studied in history and children will learn about this ancient civilisation. In geography, children will study earthquakes and volcanoes. Children will be learning about Muslims and charities, and after the half term in the run up to Christmas The Shoe Box Appeal will be covered. We are hoping to welcome back Roots to Food which is part of the D.T. curriculum. Athletics, gymnastics, as well as multi-skills, will be taught in P.E. During Friendship Week, pupils have looked at what qualities make a good friend and as part of the PSHE, they have thought about what a safe relationship is and respect in the community. Classroom jazz will be studied and performed in music. Whilst children will be learning about shops, directions and Christmas in French.

HOMWORK

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



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year, as part of the RE curriculum, we are hoping to make class shoeboxes, which we are hoping to send to less privileged children around the world. Further details will follow.

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 1st of October, where the children will learn recipes to cook with you at home!