



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LOWER KEY STAGE TWO (YEARS 3 AND 4) NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2023

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
4 th September	Friendship Week Activities and	Baseline Assessments
11 th September	Narrative - Sentence stacking Grammar – word classes	Number and place value
18 th September	Narrative - Sentence stacking Grammar – word classes	Number and place value
25 th September	Narrative -Sentence stacking Grammar – word classes	Addition and subtraction
2 nd October	Narrative - Sentence stacking Grammar – word classes	Addition and subtraction
9 th October	Narrative – Assessment Grammar – word classes	Geometry
16 th October	Information text/Fact file Grammar – word classes	Statistics
23 rd October	Half term	
30 th October	Diaries Grammar – word classes	Multiplication and division
6 th November	Diaries Grammar – word classes	Multiplication and division
13 th November	Poetry Grammar – word classes	Fractions
20 th November	Poetry Grammar – word classes	Fractions
27 th November	Newspaper report Grammar – word classes	Measurement
4 th December	Newspaper report Grammar – word classes	Measurement
11 th December	Newspaper report - Assessment Grammar – word classes	Geometry

In English, the children will be using Satoshi Kitamura's 'Stone Age Boy' as a stimulus to explore narrative writing within our sentence stacking lessons. 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 textiles. Geography lessons will look at human and physical changes both locally and globally.

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 commitment to a religion and what is the Trinity. Relationships and families is addressed through P.S.H.E. Music focuses on learning how to play a toot. French lessons will focus on greetings and classroom instructions. Protected characteristics and British values will be addressed throughout the curriculum.

Please see the table below for key vocabulary that will be covered during P.S.H.E lessons.

Autumn Term: Relationships	
family	People who you are related to.
friends	People who you are not related to that support and help you
family tree	A diagram showing everyone in a family and how they are related
relationships	Two or people who are connected
support	Helping and guiding
communication	Successful way of sharing ideas
co-operation	Two or more people working together to achieve a common end goal
self- esteem	The way you see yourself
aggression	Behaviour or words that could cause harm
tolerance	Accepting other people regardless of views and opinions
consideration	To think of all options before making a decision
bystander	Someone that stands by and watches
empathy	Someone that can understand how you feel

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 has their P.E. uniform in school and that all earrings are removed and hair is tied back where appropriate.

P.E. SESSIONS

Miss Leckerman's class have P.E. sessions on Tuesday and Thursday.
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert's class have P.E. sessions on Tuesday and Friday.

Mr Chaplin's class have P.E. sessions on Tuesday and Friday.

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.

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.

Any children who have not completed their homework by Tuesday will be kept in during a lunchtime to complete the work.

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, we will stand a greater chance of being able to return it to the rightful owner.

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.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The Year 3/4 trip will take place on Thursday 5th October 2023. The children will be visiting Thorndon country park this term where they will be taking part in a Stone Age theme day. More details about this trip will follow shortly.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

It's that time of year again – well, almost! Year 3 and 4 will hold their Christmas Concert at St Peter's Church on Friday 8th December at 2pm. Further details about tickets will follow in due course.

DATES

Thursday 28th September – Mr Chaplin's class assembly

Thursday 5th October – Year 3 and 4 trip to Thorndon country park

Friday 13th October – Mrs Herbert/Mrs Malyan's class assembly

Friday 20th October – Miss Leckerman's class assembly

Friday 8th December – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert at St. Peter's church

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Leckerman, Mrs Malyan, Mrs Herbert and Mr Chaplin

