



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

KEY STAGE ONE (YEARS 1 AND 2) NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2024



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, scarves, hats, gloves, 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 P.E. days, your child will attend school in their outdoor P.E. uniform, with **plain black** shoes appropriate for taking part in physical activity. Please only buy trainers with laces if they are able to tie them independently. If your child cannot tie their own laces, please send them to school in footwear they can fasten independently.

P.E. uniform should be a Robert Drake white/pale blue P.E. top or a plain white/pale blue t-shirt with a plain black zipped jacket and plain black sports trousers. Please refrain from buying expensive, branded items.

PE in Key Stage 1 will take place on:

ER	Thursday and Friday
NB	Monday and Friday
SG	Monday and Friday

JEWELLERY

Jewellery should not be worn. Only ear studs are permitted (no hoops). Earrings must be removed before school on PE days. In line with health and safety, if the children come to school wearing earrings and cannot remove them themselves, they will not be able to participate in P.E.

Please make sure that your child can fasten and unfasten their own clothes (as this is needed when they use the toilet). They should also be able to put their shoes on and fasten them independently.

CURRICULUM



In English we will be studying:

- Week 1 – Friendship Week
- Week 2 – Handwriting and Grammar
- Week 3 – Sentence Stacking
- Week 4 – Sentence Stacking
- Week 5 – Sentence Stacking
- Week 6 – Sentence Stacking and Assessment Week
- Week 7 – Author Study
- Week 8 – Weather Poetry
- Week 9 – WW1 Poetry
- Week 10 – Instructional Writing
- Week 11 – Narratives – Story
- Week 12 – Narratives - Story
- Week 13 – Assessment Week
- Week 14 – Christmas Themed Writing



In Maths we will be studying:

- Week 1 – Friendship Week
- Week 2 – Number and Place Value
- Week 3 – Number and Place Value / Number Fluency
- Week 4 - Number Fluency
- Week 5 – Number Fluency/ Addition and Subtraction
- Week 6 – Addition and Subtraction
- Week 7 – Addition and Subtraction
- Week 8 – Addition and Subtraction
- Week 9 – Addition and Subtraction
- Week 10 – Geometry
- Week 11 – Geometry
- Week 12 – Statistics
- Week 13 – Statistics
- Week 14 – Christmas Themed Activities

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

Our Key Vocabulary will be:

- Worry
- Lonely
- Argument
- Bullying
- Secret
- Unique



In science, the children will be learning about everyday materials. This will be linked with our art topic of 'collage'.



In history the children be learning about Pompeii, whilst in geography the children will be researching their local area.

In D.T., the children will be exploring sliders and levers. They will be designing and making their own Christmas creation.



During computing, we will be learning about 'Online Safety', encouraging the children to be safe and aware. We will also be celebrating by designing and making a card for a special occasion.

Lessons in music will be based around beat, tempo and rhythm. We will work towards composing and improvising short patterns.



During our R.E. topic, we will be discussing special things in nature that link to different religions.

In P.E., we will be learning and developing a variety of different fundamental movement skills and applying them when using a selection of equipment. We will then move on to gymnastics and team building.



DATES

- 10th September 2:45pm – KS1 Homework Meeting
- 23rd and 24th September – Parent Consultations
- 29th September – Individual School Photos
- 28th October -1st November – Half Term
- 4th November – Return to school
- 8th November – KS1 Local Area Walk (weather permitting)
- 5th December – Pantomime – Towngate Theatre
- 6th December – Winter Wonderland Fundraising Event
- 11th and 12th December – KS1 Christmas Performance
- 20th December – Teacher Training Day/Last Day of Term

Please note that all dates are subject to change.
We will advise you of further dates as they arise.

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 (until they reach Turquoise Level). Please indicate in the reading record every time your child reads as this is linked to a reward system in school.

Please draw a small outline of a book to indicate that your child needs to change their book. This is greatly appreciated.



Thank you for continued support which is greatly appreciated.

Miss Bradfield/ Miss Ramsey/Ms Glover
Key Stage 1