



Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter holidays with your children and have enjoyed the slight relaxation of the lockdown restrictions. It was lovely to hear about the adventures your children have been on this Easter break, from swimming to trips to the farm and even learning how to ride a bike without stabilisers! I have put together a few reminders about classroom routines, information about this half-term's learning and some information about a few changes.

Topic



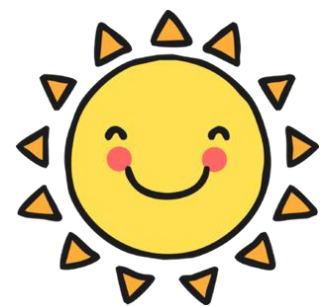
This half-term's topic is called, 'Why do ladybirds have spots?' We have begun to explore: minibeasts in the local environment; similarities and differences; growth and change; patterns and colours; and plants and flowers. The children are especially interested in the growth of seeds, plants and flowers - it would be great if you could support this learning at home. Perhaps you could encourage them to care for plants in your own garden. Or maybe even grow some fruit or vegetables!

Reading

There is a slight change to children's reading routine this term. Where the children usually fetch a phonics book and a family book home, they will now be bringing a phonics book and a banded book home instead. This is in preparation for year one, where this will also be the case. Your child may bring home a lilac book, which is a book with no words, or a pink book. This will depend on their stage of development so as to not overwhelm them. The lilac books should be used as a stimulus for talk and questioning, whereas, the pink books feature words, most of which are decodable but they might need a little help with some of the trickier ones. We will continue to read in school with your child at least once a week. I cannot stress how important reading with your child is, especially in the lead up to transition. The more the better!

Sunhats and sun cream!

Where's better to learn than outdoors? Robin Class will continue to spend lots of time outside this term, whatever the weather, so please ensure your child is ready to face the elements! At this time of the year however, wellies and coats are less needed and sunhats and sun cream become paramount. On sunny days, please prepare for the day ahead by lathering sun cream on your child before they come to school. You can also send some sun cream in your child's bag, but please be aware that your child will be encouraged to apply this themselves and this can be *very messy*.



PE

PE lessons continue to take place every **Wednesday**. Please ensure that all items of clothing, especially sweatshirts, are clearly labelled. Girls should have their hair tied back, if it is long. Earrings should not be worn on this day, for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to take part in PE, due to physical injury, please contact the school office. It is recommended that PE bags remain in school for the entire half term. This is because children may be required to have PE kit on days other than specified PE days, on rare occasions. Additionally, PE bags will be sent home every half term.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries or concerns.

Many thanks,

Miss Blastland