



Message from Miss Harris

Dear Parents,

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed spending quality time with friends and family. The children have come back to school full of excitement and enthusiasm for the new year and they've enjoyed their learning about the poem *The Sound Collector*.

I would like to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children to Rodbourne. We pride ourselves on being a community school and we look forward to you becoming a part of our very special community. It's been lovely to meet some of you over the past couple of days and I very much look forward to getting to know you and your children.

We always start a new academic year with a topic that unites the whole school and this year, our focus on *The Sound Collector* will be full of poetry and art experiences, which I'm sure your children will be keen to share with you. We will be displaying the children's work around the school and we will also be sharing their work on Twitter so please follow the school @RodbourneCheney and the class pages:

Nursery - @NurseryRCPS
Preschool - @preschoolRCPS
Reception - @PeacocksRcps
Year 1 - @penguinsRCPS
Year 2 - @Parrots_RCPS
Year 3 - @Robins_RCPS
Year 4 - @BuzzardsRCPS
Year 5 - @FlamingosRCPS
Year 6 - @RcpsSwans

It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year and I know that all of the teachers are looking forward to getting to know their new classes, providing excellent learning opportunities and creating amazing memories that the children will look back and remember for many years.

We also recognise that the new academic year can come with questions and concerns so please know that we will always make the time to support our children and families, in any way that we can. Please let our office staff know if you wish to speak to a member of staff and they will pass on your message.

I am very much looking forward to a fabulous term ahead and seeing the children engaged and excited by their learning!

Kind regards,
Miss Harris

Term 1 Learning

As many of you will know, we use a key text / book to support our learning all the way from Nursery up to Year 6. This year, many teachers across The White Horse Federation have come together to create an amazing common curriculum for Reading, Writing and Maths. Therefore, the children will have access to their topic text and additional texts for Reading and Writing. We are very excited to implement our new curriculum and are thrilled that the children will have the opportunity to access a wider range of quality texts.

We are very proud of our curriculum design at Rodbourne Cheney Primary, and we are all passionate about deep and rich learning in all subjects and more. Each term across the school, we will have a history or geography focus. Term 1, we will be focusing on History (KS1 upwards).

Our children will be able to look at their chosen book in-depth and explore the language and themes within it. We hope that the children will enjoy their carefully selected books as much as we have planning them! Here is a list of the children's books and topics:

Week 1 – Whole School Focus				
The Sound Collector by Roger McGough				
EYFS/KS1	Preschool	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Theme	Home From Home: All About Me!	You and Me, And the Big, Big Sea	Explorers – Christopher Columbus	The Great Fire of London
Book	Goldilocks and the Three Bears	Only One You Rainbow Fish	The Night Pirates	The Baker's Boy
KS2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Theme	Henry VIII and His 6 Wives	The Vikings	Elizabethan Times	WW2
Book	Henry VIII: Guilty or Innocent?	Odd and the Frost Giants	Romeo and Juliet and other Shakespeare stories	The Emergency Zoo

Our whole school values for Term 1 will be RESPECT and COURAGE. We will also explore our school rules of 'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful.'



The Sound Collector

A stranger called this morning
Dressed all in black and grey
Put every sound into a bag
And carried them away

The whistling of the kettle
The turning of the lock
The purring of the kitten
The ticking of the clock

The popping of the toaster
The crunching of the flakes
When you spread the marmalade
The scraping noise it makes

The hissing of the frying pan
The ticking of the grill
The bubbling of the bathtub
As it starts to fill

The drumming of the raindrops
On the windowpane
When you do the washing-up
The gurgle of the drain

The crying of the baby
The squeaking of the chair
The swishing of the curtain
The creaking of the stair

A stranger called this morning
He didn't leave his name
Left us only silence
Life will never be the same