



Robins Class Newsletter Autumn 1

Dear Parents/Carers



Our class topics



Our topic this half term is Living Things & Their Habitats. We will be learning about animals, plants, and the different places they live. We will explore how animals survive, the homes they live in, and how we can look after the environment.

At home you could:

- Go on a nature walk and look for insects, birds, or plants.
- Talk about where animals live (e.g. fish in water, birds in trees).
- Sort toy animals into groups (farm animals, wild animals, pets).

English and Communication

Our English focus this half term is Stories about Animals. We will be enjoying a range of animal stories, sequencing events, describing characters, and acting out parts of the story.

At home you could:

- Read animal stories together and talk about the pictures.
- Ask simple "who/what/where" questions about the story.
- Encourage your child to make animal sounds or describe their favourite animal.

Maths



Our topic in Maths this half term is Shape and Pattern. We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes, making repeating patterns, and using shapes in creative activities.

At home you could:

- Spot shapes in the environment (e.g. circles on wheels, squares on windows).
- Create simple patterns with blocks, toys, or food.
- Use shape cutters when baking or playing with playdough.

Topic key language

Some of the key words we will focus on this term are animal, habitat, shape, pattern, environment, harvest, mix, music, textile.

We hope you had a lovely summer and made some wonderful memories. We love to hear about your child's experiences and enjoy celebrating small and big steps in our pupils' lives. Please share any moments or weekend adventures and pictures with us through the home school link book or by email. zeynep.ayhan@riverside.hants.sch.uk



Robins Class staff



Mrs Zeynep Ayhan - Class teacher (Mon/Wed/Th/Fri)
 Mrs Jemma Warren (Tu - ppa cover)
 Miss Sam Henry (Mon /Tue/Th/Fri)
 Miss Kelsey Westrope
 Miss Zoe Hall (Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri)
 Miss Naomi Bowley (Wed/Th)

Reading and wellies.

Please remember to read with your child at home. This can include looking at pictures together and talking about the story. Record any reading in the yellow reading record book. Please ensure these, along with the blue home book, come to school every day.

As we will be exploring outdoors, please send in named coats, wellies, and spare clothes.

PE

This half term Robins will be visiting Portsmouth School of Gymnastics as part of their PE sessions (Farlington). Pupils at riverside really enjoy these sessions and they are great at building on key skills. These visits will happen on Monday mornings - more information to follow.

Important dates

INSET day - Wednesday 1st October
 Last day of term - Friday 24th October
 Return to school after half term break - Monday 3rd November.