

Robins Class

Year 4

Autumn Term 2



We hope you have all enjoyed the break and feel refreshed and ready for the half term ahead.

Topic:

We will be continuing with our topic of 'The Victorians' and will be researching the history of the celebrations of Christmas as we know it today, which really began during Queen Victoria's reign in the 19th Century. We will look at traditions which began in those times such as the sending of Christmas cards, the Christmas tree and decorations. We will be designing and making our own Victorian Christmas decorations.

Numeracy:

In our numeracy this term we will be reviewing addition and subtraction methods. We will also be learning about methods of solving problems involving multiplication, division and fractions in number. We will have a strong focus on learning our times tables and factor pairs. In shape and space we will be looking at 2d shapes with a focus on angles. In measure we will be learning about time including the 24 hour clock. We will also be looking at methods of data handling.

Literacy:

Our class text is going to be 'Charlotte's Web'. It is the story of Fern, a little girl who saves a pig on the family farm from being killed, and the pig's friendship with a spider who lives alongside him in a barn with the other farm animals. Their lives are woven into the cycle of the seasons and farm life. We will use this text to explore narrative texts. We will incorporate a range of spelling, grammar and punctuation into these lessons. The children will need to particularly focus on joining their handwriting this half term. Each child will have a weekly group Guided Reading session. This is an opportunity for the children to read to an adult, complete comprehension tasks and change their reading books. We encourage the children to read at home at least 3 times each week. The recommended time to read is 20 minutes daily. Please support your child with this. Children need to have a combination of both reading independently and reading to an adult.

Physical Education:

Our focus for P.E. this half term is badminton and football. Please ensure your child has **named** P.E. kit that is suitable for outdoor P.E. as we endeavour to teach outside whenever possible. PE kit needs to be in school at **all times**.

Science:

Our science topic this half term is 'Electricity'. We will be thinking about electricity in the home and electrical appliances, and also how to stay safe when using electricity. We will be creating our own electrical circuits, using and investigating switches, and thinking about conductors and insulators. Each child will have a weekly Science Guided Reading session, where we focus specifically on science-based texts.

Homework:

Children will be given Maths and Literacy homework from CGP books on a Wednesday. It needs to be handed in by the following Tuesday. Homework will also be to learn their spellings and times tables given out on Monday, to be tested the following Monday.

The home-school project this half term is linked to our Science topic. The children can choose from the following activities to complete at home and bring into school by Friday 23rd November.

- Create a poster to highlight the dangers of electricity.
- Design and create a model of an electrical circuit, or an object that uses an electrical circuit.
- Take a walk in the local area and draw or photograph as many different objects associated with electricity and create a collage or picture of your findings.
- Explore your home and write a list of all the objects that use electricity.
- Create a fact file about Thomas Edison and explain how electricity was first developed.

If you have any queries about your child's learning, or homework, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to us.

Class teachers:

Ms. C. Turner-Higgins (Monday and Tuesday)

Mrs J. Routledge (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

Teaching Assistant

Miss N. Canning