

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Robins

Spring 2015



Our Theme:

Buildings

Our Key Values:

Caring Commitment to Achieve Co-operation Fairness Honesty Respect



Welcome back Robins! I hope you had a great Christmas and a happy new year. This term, we have another exciting and engaging IPC topic to keep us busy, which will include a trip to Lincoln Castle and Cathedral. I hope you are all raring to go and judging by some of the amazing pieces of homework that I have seen so far, I have a feeling you are as excited, as I am to begin this new topic.

Literacy

During this term we will be linking our literacy with our IPC topic - we will be writing about The Three Little Pigs and their different homes, the Lighthouse Keeper and information about different buildings from the past, present and the future. We are going to be having a large focus on handwriting, as this is a whole school target. The children enjoy writing in the Robins and we want them to show everyone what they can do, including the presentation of their writing. We will also link our reading with books about buildings such as Hansel and Gretel and castle adventures.

Numeracy

During this term we will be learning how to solve problems involving multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. We will also learn to find fractions of different amounts and shapes. As always we will link our numeracy with our IPC topic. During maths homework, I will endeavour to show you the methods and skills we teach in class, so that you can reinforce this at home.

Science

In Science this term we are learning to test the strength of different structures and materials. In the second term we will be learning about habitats and where animals and plants live in, such as forests. We will learn about how animals adapt to their environment and live by depending on each other.

R.E

In R.E this term the children will be learning about different bible stories and will also explore the Christian place of worship, a Church. We are hoping to visit St Thomas' church and Lincoln Cathedral later in the term. In Term Two we will be learning to talk about God and the Easter story.

Computing

In the first term we will be learning about painters and how to create an illustrated eBook! In the second term we will be collectors and learning to find images using the internet.

PSHE

This term we are learning to set ourselves goals in our school work and our personal life. In the second term we are learning about why it is good to be me.

P.E

In PE this term we will be looking at healthy lifestyles, which includes how our bodies change. We will also be learning about gymnastics in term 2.

International Primary Curriculum

We learn these subjects through our theme. For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned.

Spring Term 1 and 2	
Buildings	
Our entry day is a day spent looking at buildings around Market Rasen and then creating them back in the classroom.	During our Exit day, we would like to invite you in to observe and hear a presentation about all of the wonderful things we have learnt this term. Details will follow later in the term.

As Historians we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How buildings were made in the past.• How buildings have been used in the past.• How people travelled in the past.
As Artists we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to draw pictures of local buildings.• How to make and decorate models of buildings.
In Geography we will be finding out: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About different houses, homes and other buildings around the world.• How to use maps and atlases to locate the different countries these buildings are in.
As Musicians we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About pitch and exploring different sounds.• About sounds in water and weather.
As Technologists we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to make picture frames.• How to make models of houses.
In International we will be learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About the different houses people live in, in different countries.• How these houses are used in comparison to our own.

Important Information

As this term is all about buildings we will be building our own models. We would be very grateful for any boxes, tubs and other junk modelling items you have.

Also, may I ask if anyone has a family member in the building trade that wouldn't mind being interviewed by the Robins to please let me know!

Our weekly homework will be set on Wednesday and returned on Monday. By supporting your child with their homework helps to embed and reinforce what has been taught at school. It also gives your child a chance to make you smile with how fabulous they are!

The children are enjoying being tested on their spellings on a Monday. The increase of children getting a 100% correct has been tremendous. The children really do benefit from learning these spellings as they are carefully chosen words that they will need to use within their writing across the curriculum. We thank you for your support with this.

Our P.E days are: **Monday and Friday.**

We encourage the children to be as independent as possible in Key Stage One, including developing their responsibility for bringing their P.E. kits, homework and spelling books on the correct day, and reminding them to change their reading books when they need to. We ask for your support with this.

We have had great fun in our first term together and we are looking forward to learning more in our Spring Term. We are always grateful to our parents who come in and help us with swimming and trips around Market Rasen. If you are able to give up an hour a week to hear readers we would be very grateful. The children love reading to someone new and we would love to welcome you into the classroom to help.

As you know, my door is always open. Therefore please come and see me if you have any concerns or worries.

Kind Regards

Miss Bottle