Dodford First School

Autumn 2 – Robins Class

Book of the Half Term



Please help your child to achieve their full potential as readers by ensuring that they read at home every day.

Key Instant Recall Fact of the Half Term

Year 1 – I can add 0 or 1 to a number.
I can add 2 to a number.

Year 2 – I know doubles and halves of numbers to 20.
I know near doubles to 10.
I can use bridging and compensation for addition 10+10.

Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to help them become numerically fluent.

English

This term, our writing will be inspired by The Queen's Handbag and other stories about famous monarchs. Building on the skills developed in Autumn 1, children will use their growing phonics knowledge to write with increasing independence and confidence.
Children will write a sequence of correctly punctuated sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces accurately. They will begin to extend their ideas by using simple conjunctions such as and, because and but, alongside descriptive vocabulary to make their writing more engaging. Through our key texts, children will write character descriptions, describe settings, retell events in the correct order and write simple factual sentences about famous monarchs..

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Maths

This term, children will extend their understanding of place value by exploring numbers within 100. They will continue to count, compare and order numbers while developing their reasoning skills. Children will also investigate the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, learning to recognise, name and describe them using accurate mathematical vocabulary.

History

Significant People

Children will develop their historical skills through exploring photographs, artefacts, timelines and enquiry-based learning, focusing on the question: **How do monarchs influence and change society?**
Our learning will explore the lives and legacies of significant UK monarchs, including Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. Children will investigate important events, changes in society, culture, beliefs and daily life during their reigns. Through historical enquiry, children will discover how monarchs have shaped the country and what we can learn from the past.

Music

How does music help us imagine the past?
Children will discover how music can help us learn about the past. Through the BBC Music programme Famous Victorians, they will explore songs and sounds linked to Victorian times

PE

This term, children will develop their football skills working alongside a coach from Kidderminster Harriers. They will also explore dance, creating movements to express ideas and experiences.

Please ensure that jewellery and earrings are removed for PE lessons.

Computing

This half term, children will develop their digital creativity by using Purple Mash to create pictures. They will experiment with a range of drawing tools, colours and effects to produce digital artwork while continuing to use technology safely and confidently.

Science

This half term, children will explore their bodies and the question: **Which part of the body is associated with each sense?** They will identify and name different body parts and investigate how our five senses help us understand the world around us. Children will work scientifically by making observations, carrying out practical activities and using their findings to answer questions.
Seasonal Changes – Throughout the Year. Children will also explore the four seasons, observing changes in weather, plants, animals and daylight throughout the year. They will make regular observations to understand how our environment changes over time.

RE

Belonging: What does it mean to belong to a faith or belief community?

Children will explore what it means to belong to a faith community, including how Christians show their beliefs through celebrations, traditions and worship

We take PRIDE in everything we do.

P – Perseverance
R – Respect
I – Independence
D- Determination
E - Excellence

Design and Technology

Structures: Frames – Chair for Teddy
This term, children will explore structures and construction by investigating how to make a strong and stable chair for a teddy. They will design, build and evaluate their creations, developing their skills in joining, strengthening and selecting suitable materials.

PSHE

This half term, children will explore the theme **Celebrating Differences**, learning that everyone is unique and should be treated with kindness and respect. They will develop an understanding of similarities and differences, recognise the importance of inclusion, and learn how to stand up to bullying and be a positive friend.