**Reception Robins Newsletter 2020 – Autumn 1**

Welcome to Reception! We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing Summer break where possible. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead full of fantastic learning opportunities.

**English** – Our main focus this half term will be reading and writing skills. Your child will begin learning four new sounds each week, and it is important that you help at home to reinforce this work. They will also bring home a talk about book for you to look through and discuss together. As learning to read is a partnership between home and school, it is important that your child practises his/her word sounds and books regularly. In their reading packets we will enclose information about our approach to reading. Please read this booklet very carefully, as it will give you lots of information as to how you can best help your child. Please ensure that your child takes home their reading packet every day and returnsit each morning.

**Maths -** This term we shall be ensuring that the children have a good grasp of basic number. In Maths, we will be practicing our counting and number recognition. We will ensure that children have an understanding of number to 5 including the composition of each number. We will also explore patterns with numbers to 5.

Our topic this half term is ‘Do we love where we live’. In Reception we will be focussing on ‘Can we find our way around school’. We are also looking talking about different seasons and the changes which occur during Autumn. We will be linking our learning to this across all subjects.

**Water bottles**

The children need to bring a named water bottle to drink during the day, but please remember that for health reasons we insist on plain water, not flavoured or fizzy drinks etc. Could we also ask parents to ensure children do not put water bottles in their reading packets as it spoils the reading scheme books. **Please also place a separate healthy drink in their lunchboxes.**

**Asthma**

If your child is asthmatic could you please check their inhaler and spacer is in school at all times and in date.

**P.E**

This half term, we will be developing our co-ordination and movement by playing a range games during our PE lessons and in the outside area. We will also improve our fine motor skills with the use of small equipment.

In Reception PE sessions will be delivered on a Monday and children will need a PE kit i.e dark shorts and a white t-shirt in a draw string bag. Could we also request that children wear shoes with Velcro or other easy fastenings rather than shoe laces as children can rarely tie these independently. Please ensure all outer clothing is clearly named.

**Tapestry**

Tapestry is an exciting way to record, track and share your child’s learning during their time in the Foundation Stage. This system enables staff to take photographs, videos and make written observations of the activities your child does at school. We use Learning Journeys for a variety of reasons - to inform our planning and our assessments and to share your child’s learning with you and for you to share their achievements at home with us.

If you have any problems accessing your Tapestry account, please speak to me as soon as possible so I can resolve any issues.

**Homework**

We will be sending homework as the term progresses suited to your child’s individual needs. After spending time settling in, the children will begin their learning by looking at the Traditional Tale ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’. The children will be developing their comprehension skills by discussing key events and predicting what may happen next.

**Facebook**

Don’t forget to join our class on Facebook ‘Robins Blackgates’ for class updates and events.

Kind regards

Mrs Gray