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Robin Class Link Up – Autumn Term 2018

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and would like to welcome everyone to a new year in Robins Class! The children have had an excellent start to the term and we have been so impressed with how they have approached the classroom routines; sitting down and answering the register, joining in with group activities and lining up for playtime.

We'd like to begin with a few 'house keeping' items. We would be really grateful if everyone could make sure their children's things are clearly named, including clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles, to avoid them getting lost or muddled up. Our school policy is only to allow water in the children's classroom bottles, although if they bring a packed lunch they are welcome to bring a different drink to have then.

This year PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Therefore all the children need to have a PE kit in school every Tuesday, although I would recommend leaving your child's kit in school all week as we occasionally have additional PE lessons. Forest Schools will be beginning after half-term in November, so please watch this space for the day it will take place on.

During the rapidly approaching colder months please ensure your child has a suitable water proof coat and appropriate shoes, as the outdoor area will be used everyday as part of our learning environment.

This week, reading books and key word lists (which are stuck into the back of the children's reading records) have been sent home. Please try to find between 5 and 10 minutes a day to share your child's book and practice reading the key words as it really can make a big difference to their progress. Please comment in the reading record book when your child has read/shared their book with you. Books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our topic for this term is 'Superheroes': we will be starting the first half-term finding out about 'Everyday Superheroes' like firefighters, doctors and police officers, before moving on to learning linked to the more traditional superheroes and their super skills! The children will get lots of opportunities to learn through a range of adult-directed activities and self-directed play, both inside and outside.

Our Communication and Literacy work will all be based around this theme and as well as reading lots of stories linked to different 'everyday superheroes' this half-term, we will be doing lots of writing activities too; making 'people who help me at home' books, designing and labelling road safety signs linked to our work on the police, labelling pictures of people who help us and making

posters about the emergency services, to name but a few. In Mathematics work we will work on several different areas such as counting, number patterns, addition and subtraction, measuring and shape.

In our Understanding the World work, we will be having visits from a number of 'everyday superheroes' including a doctor, vet and PCSO who will be coming to tell us all about their exciting jobs. We will be thinking about the 'superheroes' who help us at home, and talk about ways that we can help out as well! We will be investigating different emergency vehicles and using instruments to recreate their sounds, as well as using ICT programmes like 'Purple Mash' to create pictures of them too.

For Creative Development (art, music and dance) we will be using a range of media in different ways. As well as putting actions and percussion to songs about superheroes, we will be carrying out lots of craft projects like making stick puppet superheroes, emergency vehicles from junk modelling resources and collages from bright, reflective materials.

We are really looking forward to the coming year and am excited to see all the children's achievements as the terms progress. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child's time in school, please give us a call or pop in to see us – our door is always open.

Kind regards,
Mrs Johnson & Miss Angell