



## Robin Class News

### Term 2



#### Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful first term in Robin class. It has been amazing to see how well the children have settled in to school, they have worked hard at building new friendships with each other and have shown great enthusiasm for all aspects of school life.

This term's enquiry question is What is darkness? We will experience darkness in a safe and supported environment. Share stories and imaginative play focused on themes of safety and cosiness. We will develop our understanding how both light and dark are important for living things, and the importance of sleep for good health.

We are also embracing all of the celebrations that occur at this time of year. If you are celebrating Bandi Chord Diwas, Diwali, Bonfire Night or Christmas we would love to see some photos of your family celebrations. Please could you send these photos to us via the school office email ([office@willowpark.org.uk](mailto:office@willowpark.org.uk)), thank you. We will use these photos to support your child with sharing with their friends how they have celebrated the special occasions.

Soon we will be starting to practise our Nativity Play called Follow the Star, which of course you will all be invited to come and watch. It will be a fantastic experience for our children to be part of a performance with the children from Key Stage 1. Robin Class will be stars in the play and are leading one of the songs called Shiny Star.

We are looking forward to meeting with you all at our blending workshop and parents' evening this term. If you have any worries or concerns, please come and see us at the end of the day after all of the children from Robin Class have been dismissed.

Many thanks,

The Reception Team

#### Housekeeping

Please ensure your child comes to school every day with their green book bag, school reading books, a coat and a freshly filled water bottle. It is very important to ensure that everything your child brings into school is clearly named.

## Blending Workshop

You are invited to Robin Class's **Blending Workshop Meeting** on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 3:30-4pm in our classroom. Learning to read is vitally important for learning, communication, stimulating the imagination and expanding your child's knowledge and experience.

During the meeting we will share with you:

- Which sounds we have taught your children so far
- What we mean by the term 'sound blending' and why it is important
- How the development of sound blending can be supported at home

## Costumes for the Nativity Play

Robin Class are going to be stars in the KS1 nativity play. If you are able to, please could you bring into school a star costume in a named carrier bag. It could simply be a yellow t-shirt with black trousers/leggings. Your child's name will need to be written on each of their costume items, so that we know what belongs to each child. Thank you.

## Tapestry

We hope you are enjoying the photographs of your child's learning that we have shared through Tapestry, an online platform. Most families have now responded to Tapestry's email and have set up parent accounts. For those of you who have not yet managed to activate your accounts we are happy to talk through how to do this during parents' evening.

## Reading for Pleasure

Every Friday we send home Reading for Pleasure books. These books are to encourage a love and enjoyment of reading, through children listening to stories read by older members of the family. The books are not matched to your child's level of reading, they are not expected to be able to read the book. Through listening to stories and engaging in conversation about the story your child's vocabulary and comprehension expands.

Please enjoy the book at home and make sure it comes into school every day in your child's book bag, so that we can easily change the books each week. Thank you.

## Dates for your diaries

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Blending Workshop
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Trip to the cinema to watch Paw Patrol with Year 1 and Year 2
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Decemeber – Nativity Play dress rehearsal
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Play performance for parents and carers to come along to watch
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of school
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Start of term 3