



Robin Class News

Term 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for supporting the children last term by coming along to our Nativity Play and joining our winter arts and craft workshop. It has meant a lot to us to feel your support not just for your own child but for all of the children in Robin Class. Last term your children amazed us and we feel so privileged to be their teachers, we are looking forward to seeing them develop and grow even more.

This term's enquiry question is What stories do we know? We will have lots of fun building the children's love of stories through sharing lots of stories from a range of cultures and traditions. Whilst doing so we will focus on deepening the children's knowledge of stories by talking about key elements of stories (characters, settings, action etc) and share with them the skills they need to create their own stories. Towards the end of the term there will be an opportunity for children to perform the stories they have created.

If you would like to come in to share a story with the children please let us know, we would love to welcome you all into the classroom more often.

There are a number of events coming up for Robin Class to look forward to this year.

Focusing on this term, our story sessions at Bristol Central Library begin next week. There is also a trip to visit St Stephen's Church currently being arranged for this term, which will support our theologian work as we focus on stories about Jesus from the Bible. Each year group will visit different religious buildings, so that during the children's time at Willow Park they will have experienced visiting a range of different places of worship.

If your family celebrated Christmas we would love to see a couple of photos of your family celebration, which can be sent to us through emailing the school office. We love showing the children photos to prompt them to talk about their family cultural celebrations and traditions. This is the case for all cultural celebrations, if your family celebrated Bandi Chord Diwas or Diwali we would also love to see some photos and listen to your child talk about how the family celebrated.

We look forward to working with you during the forthcoming term.

Yours thankfully,

Vicky Leaker, Chris Gavriel and Karen Bryant

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

- Wednesday 10th January – Story time at Bristol Central Library
- Thursday 11th January – Home language meeting for Spanish speaking families at 8:45-9:45
- Friday 12th January – Last Open Day for prospective new families who have children who are starting school in September
- Thursday 18th January - Home language meeting for Arabic speaking families at 8:45-9:45
- Thursday 25th January – World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture assembly
- Thursday 1st February - Home language meeting for Turkish speaking families at 8:45-9:45
- Thursday 8th February – Chinese New Year assembly
- Friday 8th February – INSET Day, school is closed to all children
- Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – Half Term
- Monday 19th February – Start of term 4