

Robins Class Parent Update

Spring 1 2026



Welcome back to Robins Class for the Spring Term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Thank you to everyone who has shared updates on Tapestry, we love to see all the different things you have been up to. Please do check your Tapestry if you didn't manage to do so last term, there is lots of lovely learning shared for you to see.

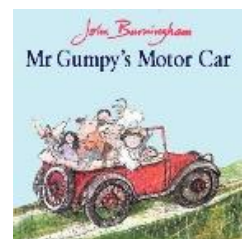
Our topic this half term is **'Travel and Transport'** which is going to prove extremely popular as so many of the children really love their vehicles. If anyone still has any large boxes (big enough to sit in) from Christmas deliveries lurking at home that haven't yet made it into the recycling, we would very gratefully take these from you!

'Travel and Transport' - On the road and on the rails

Our main story will be 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car'.

Mr Gumpy takes the children and animals out for a drive, when suddenly the rains come and the car becomes stuck in the mud – nobody wants to help to push!

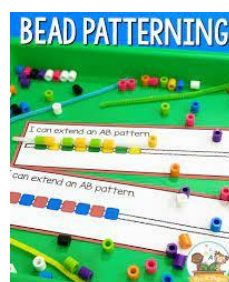
This story lends itself beautifully to lots of role play opportunities as well as sensory, messy play as toy animals and



puppets become stuck in the mud and the cars and trucks drive through muddy paint. We will explore pushing and pulling and develop our communication skills, practising animal names, signs and sounds. There will be plenty of opportunities for drawing and writing too, where appropriate.

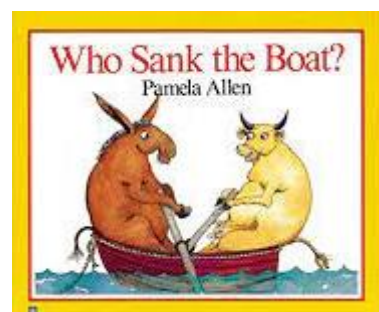
Additional songs will include

- The Transport Song
 - Driving in my car
 - Down at the station
 - We all go travelling by
- Our Maths focus this half term will have a colour and pattern focus. We will be reading 'The journey home from Grandpa's' and will be exploring, identifying, naming and sorting colours. We will also look at matching and mixing colours and exploring and continuing patterns.



'Travel and Transport' - On the water

Our main story will be 'Who Sank the Boat?' This will give lots of opportunities for more role play and water play which is always popular!



We will re-enact the story in the water tray with the animals and have a go at making some junk model boats. We will investigate floating and sinking by seeing if we can make the animals a boat which doesn't sink!

Other stories and songs may include,

- Mr Gumpy's Outing
- The animals went in 2 by 2
- Row, row your boat

During our outdoor learning we will enjoy lots of seasonal activities and get out as much as we can to observe the changing seasons and explore winter.

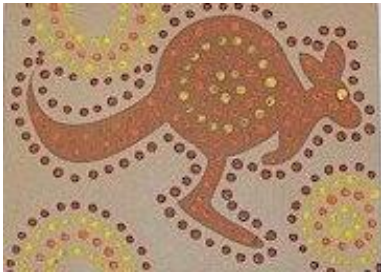
We will be reading winter stories; 'A day in the snow', 'The Greatest Snowman' and 'Squirrel's Snowman'.

We will investigate frost and ice and explore frozen sculptures with winter animals hiding inside. We will use various methods to try and extract the animals from the ice. We will also use a variety of techniques to create some beautiful, wintery artwork. Hopefully we may have some real snow to explore, but if not, we know lots of ways to create pretend snow!



We will also be exploring the Hindu Festival, Pongal and Australia Day as part of our multicultural learning where we will

think about different aspects of these cultures such as food, music and artwork.



We will continue our regular Attention Bucket sessions this term to further develop our listening and attention skills. We will also be continuing our hugely popular listening games sessions. As well as being great fun, these encourage and support expressive communication and vocabulary development including verbal, visual or Makaton sign as appropriate for each child.

Robins also love their Funky Fingers and Busy Bodies sessions where we develop our gross and fine motor skills, hand strength and co-ordination.

Important Reminders about Robins Class.

OUTDOOR LEARNING – Our outdoor learning time is **Wednesday morning.**

We will be continuing to go outside throughout this term in all weathers. Please return your child's waterproofs after the holiday as we are likely to need these quickly!



Please send your child with a hat and gloves during the winter months even if they do not like wearing them. We will continue supporting the children to wear these items. Please also send your child an extra layer to wear on particularly cold days (this doesn't need to be school uniform).

LABELLING – Please label ALL items of clothing and personal belongings. Now that we are regularly changing into wellies, it is important that we make sure shoes go home on the correct feet which can be tricky with similar looking unlabelled school shoes.

SPARE CLOTHES – Every child has a named drawstring bag in our changing room. We will let you know when they are running low on spare clothes. Please ensure spares are sent in as we do get wet and mucky regularly!

Please include pants (if appropriate) and socks in spare clothes. We go through a lot of socks on rainy days!

Thank you for all your continued support. We are looking forward to another super half term with your children.

Jane and Robins Class Team 😊