

# Robins Class Parent Update

## Autumn 2 2022



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We hope you had a lovely holiday.

Thank you to everyone who has shared an update on Tapestry, we love to see all the different things you have been up to. We have lots of fun activities planned as we head towards Christmas. It is going to be another busy half term!

Our topic this half term is '**Autumn**'. However, we had so much fun with our teddy bears and our balloons and bubbles last half term that we did not get on to our 'what's in the toybox?' section of the plans. Now that we have got to know each other, it is very clear that many children in Robins love vehicles so this will be our focus for the first couple of weeks.

### **'Toys'**

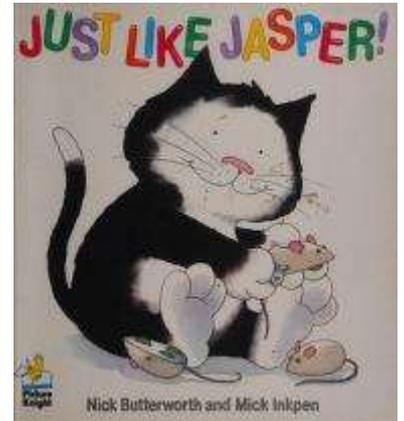
#### **What's in the Toy Box?**

This will provide a lovely opportunity to continue exploring our new toys and resources.

Our main story and songs will be 'Just Like Jasper', '5 Little Monkeys Swinging Through the Tree', 'The Wheels on the Bus' and 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'.

Additional books and songs might include

- The Transport Song
- Driving in my car
- Down at the station
- We all go travelling by
- Everyone hide from Wibbly Pig



We will continue to explore our new toys as we consider which toys Jasper enjoyed in the story.

We will make roads, tracks and construction sites from various sensory materials and then add our vehicles.

We will have lots of fun setting up a car wash to clean our dirty cars and trucks with lots of bubbly, soapy water.



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We will be enjoying lots of indoor and outdoor play experiences every day and finding out more about what we enjoy.

Our first week back to school includes Bonfire Night on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

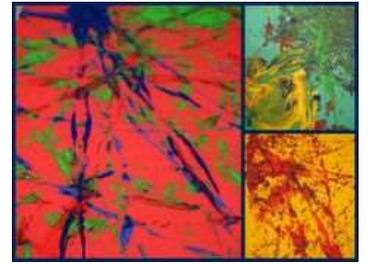
We will spend time looking at and listening to fireworks on the interactive screen.



(If you go to a display, please share a photo with us on Tapestry)



We will get inspiration for a range of creative opportunities from painting and collage work, to mark making with glitter. We will have



fun with firework themed playdough and use giant marbles and paint to create a large-scale collaborative firework picture.

### **'Autumn' – Autumn Animals**

Our main story will be 'Owl Babies', where we will consider different feelings and emotions as we create homes for our owl puppets in the sensory tray with feathers, sticks and leaves.

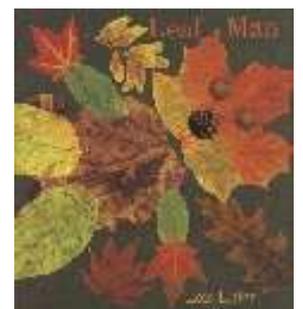


Our main song will be 'Old McDonald' as we name the animals and make lots of silly animal sounds. We will also explore a range of farmyard sensory trays and have fun washing the muddy animals.

Our maths will have a matching and sorting focus as we enjoy reading 'Foxes Socks' and hunt for socks and try and match them up and create pairs and groups of matching items.



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 hunt for autumn treasures.



We will look at the story 'Leaf Man' and have a go at creating some beautiful autumnal artwork.

If you go for an autumn walk, please send us some of the autumn treasures you find such as pine cones, acorns and conkers for our story sessions!

## **‘Autumn’ – Autumn Fruits and Vegetables**

We will enjoy the story ‘The Enormous Potato’ role playing and retelling the story with puppets.



We will also explore other seasonal fruits and vegetables and our tuff trays will be full of soil and potatoes or peas in their pods as we sing the songs 1 potato, 2 potato and 5 little peas as part of our maths activities.

This version available on YouTube is quite fun if you want to watch at home.



Other songs and stories may include,

- The Very Helpful Hedgehog
- Dingle Dangle Scarecrow
- Autumn Colours
- Autumn Leaves
- The Leaves are Falling Down

Our creative activities will include painting and printing with vegetables and we will enjoy some role play cooking, chopping, cutting and peeling real vegetables and mixing to make sensory soups!

### **‘Autumn’ – Christmas**

This will bring us to the end of the term and the Christmas holidays. Lots of opportunity to explore a range of our favourite toys with a festive theme.



A whole range of festive fun will be had from songs and crafts to stories and sensory trays and maybe even a few decorations in the classroom.

Stories and songs will include,

- Dear Santa
- Traditional nativity stories
- Traditional Christmas carols
- Fun Christmas songs
- 5 Little Snowmen
- 10 Little Elves

We have all made fantastic progress with Attention Bucket this term and we will continue developing this to support our listening and attention skills. We will also continue to establish the use of visual supports as we develop our expressive communication skills.

## **Work to do at home with your child**

During our topic, we will let you know what we have been doing each day via the diary and through Tapestry. Please support the learning done in school by talking about their day, reading the same stories if you have them available, singing the songs or engaging in craft or sensory activities etc linked with our theme. If you would like to borrow a book for a bedtime story or would like a YouTube link to a song, please ask via Tapestry or in the home-school diary.

## **Important Reminders about Robins Class**

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

We will be going outside throughout the year in all weathers. Your child will need a full set of waterproofs (trousers and coat) and boots as an essential. Please send these in if you have



not already done so. It is best if these can be left in school, so they are available for those unexpected rainy days!

**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** – These are essential. Please send your child with a change of clothes each day or a labelled bag can be left on their peg in school with spare sets of clothes.

**Please include pants (if appropriate) and socks in spare clothes bag.**

**PARENTS MEETING** – This will take place during this half term. Details will follow soon.

**ROBINS WELCOME MORNING** – We will be hosting regular open-door sessions where parents can come and join in with activities for the morning. We hope to hold a welcome morning later this half term, more information will follow later in the term.

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

Jane and Robins Class Team 😊