

Robins Class Parent Update

Spring Term 2 2024



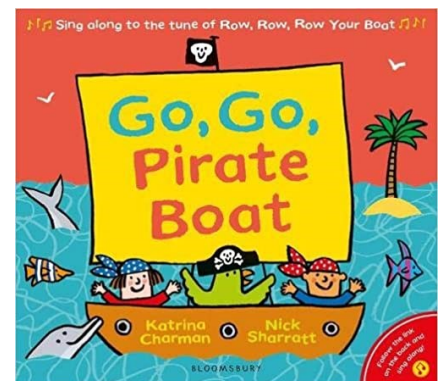
We hope you had a lovely half term break with your children. We all thoroughly enjoyed exploring winter with our Favourite Tales topic last half term. This half term, our topic is 'A Long Time Ago' and we will be focusing on Pirates and Dinosaurs. As this half term is extremely short and will also incorporate Easter celebrations, it is likely that Pirates will be the main focus and Dinosaurs may be sneaking into the Summer term. We suspect this is going to prove an exciting and very popular topic!

"A Long, Long Time Ago..."

Pirates.

Our stories and songs will include –

- Go, Go Pirate Boat
- The Pirates are Coming!
- Portside Pirates (Barefoot books)
- 10 Little Pirates
- I'm a Pirate (BBC EY)
- Over the deep blue sea (Super simple learning)
- If you want to be a pirate (Kiboomers)

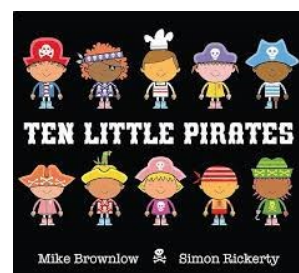


'The Pirates are Coming!' is a fantastic story with a clever twist at the end. We will be hiding under blankets as we read and will have the opportunity to join in with shouting and ringing the pirates warning bell!

We will be making our own pirate ships from large cardboard boxes so we can share role play opportunities with our friends as we sing some of our pirate songs.



Our Maths focus will continue to be number. We will be reading '10 Little Pirates' and will have great fun exploring our pirate treasure chest, hunting for gold doubloons, gemstones and jewellery. We will continue counting and grouping items, practising our skills of one-to-one correspondence and representing numbers. We will match numerals to quantities and where appropriate, rehearse our subitising skills. We will also have lots of sensory mathematical exploration including shipwrecked pirate ships in the water tray, digging in the sand for treasure and a new recipe for golden pirate slime!



If you would like a pirate song to try at home, we love the Portside Pirates by Barefoot Books which is available on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/qAngsMJD3I>



In our creative sessions we will be treasure hunting in lots of different ways. From Pirate treasure playdough to making treasure maps and following trails, playing hide and seek and walk the plank games with our friends. We will follow instructions to create pirate hats and telescopes and use the mud kitchen and water butt to invent some delicious pirate brew!

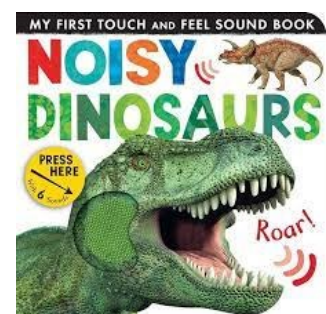


We will also be using our mark making skills to create some Wanted! Pirate posters. Some of them may look rather familiar!

“A Long, Long Time Ago...” Dinosaurs.

Our stories and songs will include -

- Noisy Dinosaurs
- Dinosaur Farm
- Dinosaur Roar
- That’s Not My Dinosaur



- The Big Dinosaurs (BBC EY)
- Dinosaur Rap (Barefoot books)
- The Prehistoric Animal Brigade (YouTube)



‘Noisy Dinosaurs’ is an information book about dinosaurs with sound buttons. We will explore the names of different dinosaurs and find out a little about what they looked like, how they moved and what they ate. We will listen to the sounds they made and see if we can mimic some of their sounds.

‘Dinosaur Farm’ will provide some wonderful opportunities to role play looking after the dinosaurs, we will feed them, roll them in the mud, wash them clean and tuck them up in bed!

In maths we will be returning to shapes, focusing on triangles this time. We will identify shapes and talk about their properties, looking for these shapes in the environment. We will explore shapes in different sensory trays and on the light board, getting accustomed to how they look and feel in our hands. We will print with shapes, match shapes, use mark making tools to draw around shapes and use them to make patterns and pictures.

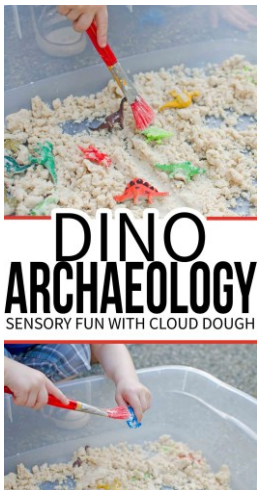


At home you can access the Dinosaur Roar story on YouTube being read by Singing Hands. A chance to practise Makaton signs while watching the story as well as joining in with some actions and sounds.

The link can be found here https://youtu.be/zBa_rvNEqSw



Linked to the book That's not my Dinosaur there will be lots of opportunity for art projects exploring the properties of various different craft materials.



We will become archaeologists searching for dinosaurs, fossils and dinosaur bones hidden in the trays with different sensory materials.

We have loved exploring and excavating toys from ice this term, so we will return to this by making some frozen balloon dinosaur eggs,

developing our knowledge and understanding of ways we can free the dinosaurs.



There will also be lots of opportunities towards the end of term for some Easter sensory exploration and lots of Easter themed art and craft activities.

It's going to be a busy, fun half term!

A few reminders....

OUTDOOR LEARNING – Please return your child's waterproofs this week – we are bound to need them! Our woodland area is such a wonderful resource, but it does unfortunately become incredibly muddy when it rains!

SPARE CLOTHES – Please could you have a check to see if you have any school spare clothes at home and return them if you find any, we are running very low on supplies. Socks are a particular problem. Please ensure your child brings several spare pairs, we can often find we are changing socks several times a day on very wet days.

LABELLING – this is another plea to please label your child's shoes. We still have several unlabelled pairs and several of the exact same shoe style.

ROBINS WELCOME MORNING – It was lovely to welcome parents to our open door session last term. We will be hosting

the next welcome morning in the final week of this term. We hope as many of you can come and join us as possible. We will send out another reply slip soon so we can get an idea of numbers.

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

Jane and Robins Class Team 😊