



Ashley Junior School

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19th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term in Robin Class, we hope it will be another busy, exciting and enjoyable term.

Our Topic is 'Food for Thought' and we will be learning about food and where it comes from, our teeth and digestive system and how to keep ourselves healthy. Have a look at the Topic Web to give you some idea of the sorts of things we will be doing. It will encompass narrative writing and non-fiction writing about animals and farming as well as poetry about food. As always it is our mission to make the curriculum as engaging and inspiring as we can. We are hoping to visit a farm to support our work about farming and food. We will be testing our cooking/DT skills by designing and making pizzas and creating a picnic to share at the end of term.

The children from Robin Class will continue to be included with their mainstream buddies for a variety of subjects including Computing and Music.

There will be lots of art activities linked to the topic including looking at the work of famous artists and how they have painted still life such as different fruits and using this to inspire our own paintings. In particular we will look at the work of Arcimboldi and make collaged pictures.

In our PHSE work we will focus on taking care of ourselves and each other: eating a healthy diet, looking after our teeth, getting plenty of exercise, getting enough sleep etc.

Generally speaking Robins will continue to do English and Speech and Language activities first in the morning, followed by a Story Time and break/snack time. Please remember to send healthy snacks such as fruit and vegetables, particularly as we are learning about this in Science and Learning for Life! After break there are Maths activities – we are working on telling the time, so please practise this at home. After lunch we focus our learning on the other curriculum areas as well as working on fine motor skills and social language and interaction. Robin class currently have PE on Mondays, please could the children continue to wear their PE kit on that day.

The children will all bring their book bag home each day and it is important that this is returned **every day**. In the book bag you will find a reading book and a reading record where you can record your reading with your child. Please read as often as you can with your child. It is important to read and re-read texts until the vocabulary is really familiar. It is also important to talk

about the story and the characters – what they are doing and how they might be feeling. There might be some 'tag words' which your child needs to read on sight and the more you can practise these, the better. We will check how they are doing regularly and add to the tag words.

Do please get in touch if you ever have any questions or if there is anything that it would be helpful for us to know. It is always good for us to be kept informed!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Harling and the Robins Team