



# Ashley Junior School

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5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Spring Term in Robin Class, we hope it will be another busy, exciting and enjoyable term and we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Our Topic is the Stone Age this term, about ancient civilisations and how people lived a very long time ago. 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, non-fiction writing and poetry. As always it is our mission to make the curriculum as engaging and inspiring as we can.

The science that we will be covering in Robins is based around Rocks and Soils and considering the properties and uses of different Materials such as durability, flexibility and insulation. In Learning for Life, the children will be learning about families and the differences and similarities to their own.

There will be lots of art activities linked to the topic including looking at Stone Age art and reproducing our own art in that style. We will also use salt dough to make our own artefacts.

The children all do Music and Computing with their mainstream buddies and this is on different days. All Robin class need to wear their PE Kit on a Monday. This term they will be doing Basketball and Football as well as Dance and Yoga for their PE curriculum.

Generally speaking, Robins start the morning with the Lexia Reading Programme and their individual interventions then do English/Speaking and Listening activities. This is followed by a break then snack time/Story Time. Please remember that healthy snacks such as fruit and vegetables are the only snack we allow. After break there are maths activities and we usually do Handwriting practise before lunch. After lunch the children are involved in a range of settings – some are included in mainstream classes while some remain in the classroom and do a range of activities and learning to support their individual development. The Robins children are carefully placed according to need and this will vary.

The children will all continue to bring their book bag home each day and it is important that this is returned **every day**. In the book bag you will find, as before, 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.

We hope everyone has a lovely term, thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Harling and the RP Team