Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School



Robins Class Newsletter

4th January 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back and a very happy New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou for the very generous Javelin voucher and gifts you gave me for Christmas, they were very much appreciated! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and had chance to have a rest during the holiday.

Our topic this half term is based around the book 'The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse'. We will be reading various versions including one in French! We will use the text as a base to write letters as one mouse to another.

We will use the text to compare country life with town/city life. We will also identify capital cities around the UK, look at aerial photographs and discuss map symbols. We will try and draw our own simple map of the school area and use a map key.

We will be continuing with our weekly Grammar lessons but in addition I will be focusing on reading comprehensions, where the children answer in writing questions about a passage of text.

In Science we will finish off our healthy eating learning before moving on to research living things and their habitats. We hope to make our own mini beast habitats and explore micro habitats in the school grounds. We will also be looking at simple food chains.

In Design Technology we hope to build two miniature worlds considering the similarities and differences between a city and a village.

In Math's we will continue with adding and subtracting using the column method, telling the time to the hour, half hour and quarter to and quarter past the hour. and solving time problems. We will continue to learn our 2's 5's and 10's times tables.

Our games lessons will continue on a Monday afternoon and P.E will continue on a Thursday morning. Can you please ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school on these days.

Forest Schools will continue on a Friday afternoon, but can I please stress that your child brings in additional clothing to keep them warm. They need a warm and waterproof winter coat. I would also suggest an extra pair of socks as wellies do not keep your feet very warm! At the end of last term we had some children in tears because they were so cold; therefore can I please stress the importance of bringing in extra layers that can be put on their pegs until after lunch.

As the weather is bound to become colder can you please ensure that your child has suitable clothing (coats, hats, gloves and wellies) in school at all times.

Lastly, so we can provide an extra snack in addition to the fruit the children have, we would very much appreciate a contribution of $\pounds 2$.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Masson and Mrs Millichamp

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