

Robins

Pirton School

Autumn Term 2026 – Curriculum Newsletter

English

This term, we will be writing to inform, writing to entertain and writing poetry.

For each unit we will use a driver text.

Our first text will be Jaspers Beanstalk. We will be learning about labels and captions, as well as using verbs.

We will use this unit to practise writing instructions.

Then we will read Puffin Peter. Throughout this unit we will be learning about writing a narrative. We will be focusing on the composition of a sentence and practicing using finger spaces between words and using capital letters.

The poem we will focus on is 'Purple is…'. During our poetry unit, we will be reading and performing a range of poems, as well as learning about list poems and creating our own list poem.

After half term, we will be writing a recipe and learning about simple traditional tales.

Maths

Place value (within 10)

Sorting objects, counting objects, recognising numbers as words; counting on from any number; 1 more; 1 less; less than greater than, equal to; number line.

Addition and subtraction

Part-whole model; number sentences; fact families; number bonds within 10; adding; additional problems; find a part; subtraction.

Geometry

Recognising, naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes.

Each maths lesson, we have a ten-minute fluency focus where we practise subitising, number composition and recalling 1 more/1 less.

Routines

Please drop your child off with Miss Allen, Miss Dunham or Miss Ford and they will support your child with putting their coats and bags away and getting started with the morning activity.

Please wait at the end of the path outside the classroom at the end of the day to collect your child.

Each day we will collect in reading records.

Water bottles should be put in the water bottle box which is taken outside every break and lunch time.

Your child is offered a fruit or vegetable snack at break time. They can bring in their own healthy snack from home if they would like to.

Art and Design - Mix it

This project teaches children about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork.

Computing

This term we will be practising logging on to Purple Mash and building our confidence with using the computers. We will practise opening, completing and saving 2Do's.

In the second half term, we will be learning to use software tools to group and sort recognisable objects. Children will have the opportunity to collect simple data and present it in a pictogram.

History - Childhood

This project teaches children about everyday life and families today, including comparisons with childhood in the 1950s. We will be using artefacts and a range of different sources as well as learning about Queen Elizabeth's coronation.

Science

Our project during the first half term will be 'Everyday Materials'. We will learn that objects are made from materials. They will identify a range of everyday materials and their sources, as well as investigate the properties of materials and begin to recognise that a material's properties define its use.
In the second half term, we will learn that humans are a type of animal known as a mammal, as well as name and count body parts and identify similarities and differences. The children will learn about the senses, the body parts associated with each sense and their role in keeping us safe.

Geography - Our Wonderful world

This project teaches children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They learn about the equator, hemispheres and continents and are introduced to the countries, capital cities and settlements of the United Kingdom.

Design and Technology - Shade and Shelter

This project teaches children about the purpose of shelters and their materials. They name and describe shelters and design and make shelter prototypes. Children then design and build a play den as a group and evaluate their completed product.

Extra Information

Home learning will be set on a Thursday

and due back on a Tuesday.

Reading diaries will be checked at least once a week and books will be changed weekly.

PE is on Tuesday and Friday.

Please make sure that all items are

labelled.

Key Dates

16.09.26- Robins' meet the teacher welcome meeting 3.30-4pm/4.4.30pm

14.10.26/21.10.26- Parent consultations

11.11.26– Phonic screening information evening 3.30-4pm/4-4.30pm

09.11.26- Book Look

Further important dates will updated and can be found on our school calendar.