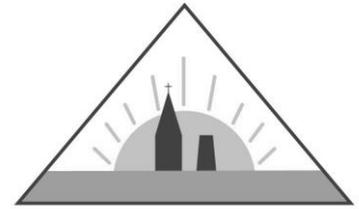


Robins



Class



Gedney Hill C.E Primary School
Opening up new horizons

My Pets and Wild Animals

Start Date
September 2017

End Date
December 2017

Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our PSHE this term will be 'We're all Stars'. Our value will be friendship for this term. In RE this term we will be focusing on prayer and our beautiful Earth and all it has to offer. This of course will link in to the Christian celebration of Harvest, including a visit to the church and the opportunity to help the wider community.

We will begin our term and this new topic with special emphasis on animals and any that they may have at home and have experience with (photos from home could be brought in to show the class on Tuesdays!). We are also planning to take a trip to an exotic animal refuge so the children can have the opportunity to handle and touch wild and domesticated animals. More information will be given nearer the time regarding this activity.

A big welcome back to all the Robins class children that have come back and an even bigger welcome to all the new children that have started! I hope everybody has had a fantastic Summer holiday and is ready to have some fun and learning this term.

In Literacy, this term we will be focussing on Nursery Rhymes. We will be learning a wide variety of them as well as making up some of our own, based around famous poems. Year 1 children will be ensuring that they are confidently sounding out and beginning to add capital letters and full stops to their work.

After the half term, we will branch out and explore animals, producing non-fiction texts on a wild animal of their choice.

In our role play this term a zoo has been created; complete with animals in their cages, a ticket booth and a carrier for any animals that need to be transported to the zoo, or recaptured! We have a number of ferocious creatures as well as a rather cheeky monkey!

Maths is taught Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; with emphasis on using active maths that can be developed at home and at school. Year 1s will be consolidating numbers to 20 in the first few weeks, moving on to looking at numbers to one hundred. We will be assessing Reception children's knowledge of numbers so far and working with them in order to understand the concept of number and its use in everyday life.

Guided Reading groups will take place throughout the week with **book changes every Tuesday, so please ensure your child has brought their book bags and their reading journals on this day.** Unfortunately at present, we can only give reading books out to those children that are returning them on the correct day. We would also ask that drinks bottles not go inside book bags as this may damage the books if bottles leak.

Swimming will begin for Year 1 children this term on Tuesdays, so kit is essential. Children will need a swimming costume (**boys cannot wear baggy style swimming shorts**), a towel and a bag to keep their things safe. Please check that school uniform has been properly named as there are a large amount of children going and things tend to get misplaced with children so young. If your child has never had practise getting changed into and out of a swimming costume without support, practising at home will make the process easier.

Take home task to support work in school. This term, as our topic is My Pets and Wild Animals. We would ask children to design and make a wild animal mask with their parent - the more ostentatious the better! Children will have the whole of the Autumn term to design their masks ending with a cut-off point before the Christmas holidays. Once children have brought in their completed masks on the final assembly before Christmas there will be a judging ceremony and the best mask will win a prize.