



Newsletter 9 - 14/01/2022

New Staff Member



At the start of term, we welcomed Mr Miller our new caretaker to the staff team.

RSPB Big Schools Bird watch 2022



Do you know the difference between a blue tit and a chaffinch? We have signed up to this fantastic bird watching project and over the next few weeks we are collecting information on the birds that visit our school site. We would like parents and carers to get involved and help us by helping your child spot the common garden birds that visit your garden. The RSPB big garden bird watch takes place on 28-30 January.

Kindness

Our whole school focus for the new year is spotting random acts of kindness

As the new year and term beginnings we are looking at acts of kindness throughout the school. Where children are seen carrying out a random act of kindness they are praised. Owls class sent cards to people such as the postie, milkman and bus driver to say thank you for doing what they do because we don't always get the chance to say thank you!

SATS Year 6

Mrs Makin is going to be organising a meeting for parents regarding upcoming SATs. This will be taking place at the beginning of February. More details to follow soon.

Swimming

Robins will be starting swimming on Friday 21st January COVID allowing. We have been advised that no jewellery is allowed in the swimming pool, hats should be worn if your child has long hair and your child should ideally have a pair of goggles.

P.E.

If your child has long hair, please ensure that it is tied back on the days that they have P.E. They can bring a hair bobble to school if they can tie their own hair.

Football Club

The children in KS2 have been asking for a football club and after unsuccessful attempts to get a sports coach we are pleased to announce that Mr Mason has agreed to run an after-school club on Monday nights starting 24th January. This will be for children in years 3-6 (Robins class) from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This will be outdoors unless the weather is bad in which case it will take place in the school hall. Children will need to have trainers, shin pads and appropriate clothing for being outside or in the school hall. There will be no charge for these training sessions.

Learning around school

Blackbirds

This week Blackbirds have enjoyed following instructions to make play dough.



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Owls



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Last week in the snow the Blackbirds and Owls wrapped up warmly and enjoyed a snowy morning down in the forest school area. We had hot chocolate and toasted Marshmallows to keep us warm.

This week Owls started their topic on Grace Darling and enjoyed listening to the tale of two bad mice by Beatrix Potter who is our Author focus for this half term.

Robins

This week we have started lots of new topics. In Art we began our art topic of 'Birds' where we focused on the detail of feathers when sketching. In Science we have begun learning about States of Matter. We looked at the differences between solids, liquids and gases and acted as the particles.



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