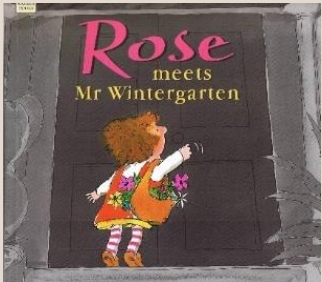


Dodford First School

Autumn 1 – Robins Class

Book of the Half Term



Please help your child to achieve their full potential as readers by ensuring that they read at home every day.



Key Instant Recall Fact of the Half Term

Year 1- I can recite the number names in order to 50 and beyond.

Year 2 – I can recite the number names in order to 100.

I know number bonds to 10.

I know number bonds to 20.

Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to help them become numerically fluent.



English



This term, our writing will be inspired by Rose Meets Mr Wintergarten and other stories with familiar settings. Children will use their daily phonics knowledge to build words and write simple, accurate sentences. They will practise saying a sentence before writing it, using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops correctly. As their confidence grows, they will write a sequence of correctly punctuated sentences to retell stories, describe characters and settings. Throughout the term, children will continue to develop their handwriting, spelling and sentence writing skills while building their vocabulary through reading and sharing a range of high-quality texts.

Maths



This term, children will develop their understanding of number by exploring place value within 20. They will build confidence in counting, reading, writing and comparing numbers before applying this knowledge to addition and subtraction within 20. Using practical resources, mental strategies and written methods, children will solve calculations and explain their mathematical thinking.

Science

This half term, children will explore a range of everyday materials and investigate their different properties, focusing on the question: **Why do we use certain materials for certain things?** They will discover how materials are chosen for different purposes and carry out practical investigations to compare and test their properties, including strength, flexibility and waterproofing. Children will develop their scientific enquiry skills by making observations, asking questions and carrying out simple tests.



Music



How can we find and feel the beat in music?

Children will explore the beat in music through singing, movement and instruments. Using Charanga's Rhyming In Time unit, they will learn to keep a steady pulse and respond to different rhythms through songs such as Find the Beat and Dancing Dinosaurs.

PE

This term children will develop teamwork skills through team-building activities and explore gymnastics, focusing on movement, balances and creating simple sequences.



Please ensure that jewellery and earrings are removed for PE lessons.

Computing

This half term, children will become familiar with Purple Mash, learning how to log in, save and retrieve their work while exploring a range of creative computing activities. They will also learn how to stay safe online by understanding how to use technology responsibly and what to do if something online makes them feel worried or unsafe.

Geography

The UK

This half term, children will explore the enquiry question: **Why do we use maps?** They will develop their geographical skills by learning how to read and use simple maps, identify the countries of the United Kingdom and locate England. Children will explore human and physical features, while developing their understanding of the diverse places and landscapes that make up the UK.



RE



Creation: Who Made the World? / Harvest

Children will explore Christian beliefs about creation and learn how Christians say the world was created by God. They will reflect on the importance of Harvest Festival and how people show thankfulness for the world around them.

We take PRIDE in everything we do.

P – Perseverance
R – Respect
I – Independence
D- Determination
E – Excellence



PSHE

This half term, children will explore the theme **Being in My World**, thinking about who they are and how they fit into their class, school and wider community. They will learn about their rights and responsibilities, how to work and play cooperatively with others, and the importance of kindness, respect and making positive choices.