

### **Great Whelnetham CE Primary School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We would first of all like to welcome the newest member to Robins Class this term, Isla and her family. As many of you are aware this half-term is a busy and exciting one as we slowly begin our lead up to the Christmas celebrations. Please find below some reminders and key information for the half-term ahead.

# **Curriculum Learning:**

English:	Maths:	Science:	Curriculum Blocks:
This term we continue	Our topics will include:	Our topic for this half-term	Geography: We will
to develop our skills in		Is 'Forces and Magnets'.	develop our knowledge and
phonics, spelling, reading.	Y2: Addition and Subtraction		understanding of the
	and Shape.	We will be learning about	world's continents with a
Our writing and grammar		different types of forces	focus on Europe.
skills are developed through	Y3: Addition and Subtraction,	and how they affect our	
our writing units:	Multiplication and	everyday lives. We will	Music:
	Division.	explore magnets and carry	We will be developing our
'My First Poetry Book'		out a range of	musical performances for
and our	We will continue to develop o	investigations developing	our Nativity celebration.
'Personal Writing Project'.	fluency skills through our	our predicting and	
	daily maths meetings.	comparing skills.	French: Les Animaux
			(The Animals)
			<b>RE:</b> We will be developing
			our knowledge of
			compassion in the
			Islam religion.

### P.E:

This term in P.E. our focus is on 'Team Games'. P.E. kits need to include: a white t shirt and black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, socks and trainers. Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.



P.E. day – Monday Active lunch club – Tuesday Extra-curricular Clubs:

Monday: Football Club – led by Premier Sports

Tuesday: Gymnastics Club – Years 1-3

Dodgeball Club - led by Clarke Coaching

Friday: Rocksteady Music Club

## Homework:

**Reading**: Please hear your child read up to 10 minutes every day and record this in their reading diaries.

**Spellings**: Weekly spellings are to be practiced at home. Lots of the children enjoy practicing their spellings via the Spelling Shed app which can be downloaded for free. Log-in details can be found in the inside cover of their reading diaries. Spellings will be given on a Monday and are tested on a Friday.

**Maths homework**: This is mostly given out weekly to practice the skills they have been learning in school. When it isn't given out, further learning needs to take place in school before it will be sent home. Homework will be sent home on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday.

**Y3 Writing homework:** Each week your child needs to complete one weekly writing task. Homework will be sent home on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday.

### **Coats and Wellies:**

Please can you ensure your child comes to school with a coat every day. We have a few pupils who are not always doing so and we do not keep spare coats in school for those rainy days – thank you!

This time of year the school field can become wet and muddy. Please can we ask you to supply your child with a pair of wellies we can keep in school so they can continue to enjoy playing on the field.



## **Nativity Celebration:**

This term we will be carrying out a 'Nativity celebration' with Larks class in the church on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. Please do look out for further information regarding costumes that is coming home this week!

# **News**

School Trip – This term Robins have their 2<sup>nd</sup> school trip of the year. Last week you should have received a letter about our trip to West Suffolk College to take part in a careers day – we like to start early! This is a wonderful day where children get to meet professionals and take part in a range of activities encouraging them to think of their future. Our trip will take place on <u>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</u>. Please do see the letter sent out for further information. **If there are any parent volunteers who would like to join us for the day please do let us know!** 

We hope you have found this information helpful and we look forward to continuing to work with you this term.

Best wishes

Miss Tyler, Mrs Lockwood, Mrs Milner and Mrs Gale-Masterson Robins Team Dear Parents/Carers,