

# Important Dates

- 7th February Bible stories with Mrs Clark.

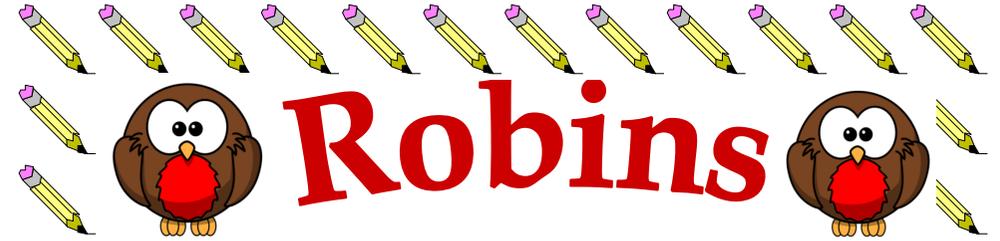
## Our Celebration and Achievement

We are very keen to celebrate your child's achievements and developments at home; through our school values. If your child demonstrates any of our 7 values please write your child's home achievement on one of our stones. Then cut the stone and give it to your child to bring to school. These successes may include **resilience** in a hobby (eg. swimming 5m) or something that you know your child has been trying hard with for a while. As a class during **Show and Tell** we will discuss and celebrate your child's achievement and will stick the stone on our class inukshuk.



We look forward to another enjoyable half term,

Mrs Buckingham and the Foundation Stage staff



Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a restful break.

We have a very exciting and action packed half term planned. During the initial week we are focusing on **E-Safety** and how the children can stay safe on the internet and when using apps. If you would like to reinforce the story with your child at home and try some of the activities, please visit [www.kidsmart.org.uk/teachers/ks1](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/teachers/ks1).

The main topic for this half term is called "Let's Pretend".



This topic will use the adventures of Mr Benn to develop the childrens' imaginative play and storytelling skills.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be exploring our own and others feelings, discussing facial expressions gestures and signals of that emotion. We will discuss how we can control and change our feelings by certain actions e.g singing when sad.

Construction and Expressive Art & Design

We will design and make a space craft out of junk modelling materials. Please save any small boxes and tubes for this project.

Role Play

Dressing up shop

Home corner outside

Understanding of the world

We will be exploring the world around us discussing our observations. We will think about travelling to space how this is different to earth and what we would need for the journey.

Literacy

Each week Mr Benn will go on a different adventure based upon the costume that he tries on in a fancy dress shop. His adventures will include becoming a red knight, a wizard, a Queen, a chef, a spaceman and a clown who The children will be encouraged to develop their communication and language skills to retell and reenact Mr Benn's adventures and develop their own story ideas.

In Phonics, we will begin to learn some new digraphs th, sh, ch, qu, ee, ie, ai and use these to synthesise and read words. We will also continue to develop their recognition and retention of key words. We will continue to focus on pencil control and letter formation.

Maths

We will begin the half term discussing birthdays and the months of the year link to Smarties birthday. We will continue to consolidate our knowledge of number and develop our understanding of addition 'counting on' and subtraction 'counting back.' Where appropriate, we will link the Maths activities to the topic, for example, during Mr Benn's space adventure we will focus on 3d shapes and use shapes to make aliens and build planets. When Mr Benn is a chef, we will focus on measure and follow recipes to make different food items.

# Let's Pretend

Physical Development

We will be focusing gymnastic exploring and using equipment safely.

Please could your child have a PE kit in daily. Just to remind you that the children need **shorts** and a **t-shirt** in the colour of their team, and that their clothes need to be labelled with their names. Earrings should not be worn on PE days and long hair needs to be tied back.

**On a Friday morning Mrs Pottruff will teach music and in the afternoon Mrs Pickard will be teaching in EYFS.**

Help Needed!

Get involved

If you would like to get involved in the school community by volunteering, we appreciate help with any of the following; readers, cooking, gardening or arts and crafts. For more information please speak to one of the early years team.

This half term

# Co-operation

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