



Robins Class (Reception)

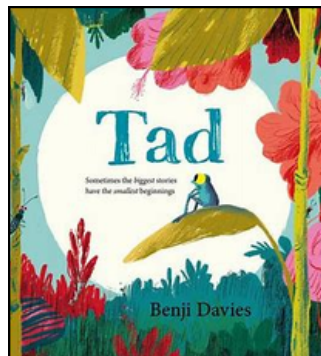
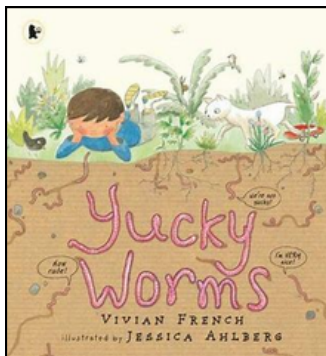
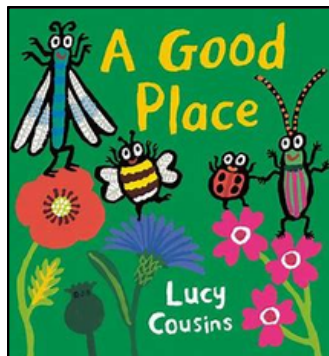
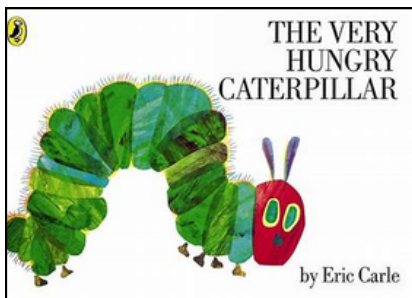
Summer 1, 2026 Newsletter



What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'Why are Bugs Brilliant?' We will be learning about a range of different mini beasts and their habitats. We will create our own wormeries and go on a bug hunt.

Our focus texts are:



Our Values this half term are

Perseverance and Respect

We empower children to face challenges with determination, learn from their mistakes, and never give up. We also teach the valuable lesson of forgiveness, encouraging understanding and reconciliation.



Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 23rd April - Parent and child OPAL afternoon
- Wednesday 29th April - Class Trip to Askham Bryan
- Monday 4th May - Bank holiday
- Friday 22nd May - School training day

PE Kits Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements (no wording or branding other than the school badge).

Things to Remember



Every Friday:

- Return old reading book and receive a new one.
- Return library books and choose new ones.
- Bring in phonics homework book.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day!



Phonics



This half term we will be reviewing Phase 4.

Week 1 - Short vowel sounds, CVCC words, e.g. went, help and tent

Week 2 - Short vowel sounds CVCC and CCVC, e.g. milk and frog

Week 3 - Short vowels CCVCC, CCCVC and CCCVCC longer words, e.g. swift, scrub and sprint

Week 4 - Longer words. e.g. chimpanzee and compound words (two or more words linked together to produce a word with a new meaning, e.g. tooth+ brush = toothbrush)

Week 5 - Root words ending in: -ing, -ed /t/, -ed /d/ /ed/ -est

Week 6 - Review

Tricky words we will be learning each week:

Week 1 - said, so, have and like

Week 2 - some, come, love and do

Week 3 - were, here, little and says

Week 4 - there, when, what and one

Week 5 - out and today

Here is a link to the Little Wandle Website:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents>

Maths



Wk 1 - Practise counting on and looking at 'teen' and 'ty' numbers.

Wk 2 - Subitising (seeing the quantity without counting) to 6.

Wk 3 - Looking at the composition of 5 and practise recalling the parts of 5 when 1 part is not visible.

Wk 4 - Look at the composition of the numbers 6,7,8 and 9 as well as making collections of 10 objects.

Wk 5 - Develop an understanding of the magnitude of numbers.

Considering where numbers are in relation to each other, e.g. 10 is a lot more than 2, but 5 is only 1 more than 4.

Wk 6 - We will be looking at weight, height and time.

Don't forget to check out the Key Instant Recall facts on our school website:

<https://kf.starmat.uk/curriculum/key-instant-recall-facts-reception/>

Please continue to practise Numbots at home. Your child will receive one Dojo point (part of our reward system) for every 5 minutes they spend on Numbots. If they achieve 50 Dojo points they can redeem them for a prize. Please let me know if you have trouble logging on to Numbots.

From Mrs Westfeld and Miss Bednall

