



ROBINS CLASS

YEAR 1 • AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 2026

Growing independence • asking questions • discovering our local world

WELCOME TO

Robins!

A WARM WELCOME

from **Alice Leadbeter**

PE: Tuesday & Friday

ENGLISH

AUTUMN 1 • OUR LOCAL WORLD

- Discuss titles and key events; identify characters, settings and major events; retell familiar stories.

AUTUMN 2 • MATERIALS & CELEBRATIONS

- Explore traditional tales, fiction and non-fiction; learn new vocabulary and answer questions orally.

VOCAB character • setting • event • retell • traditional tale • vocabulary • fiction • non-fiction

MATHEMATICS

AUTUMN 1 • NUMBER TO 20

- Count forwards/backwards within 20; read/write numerals; compare and order; find one more/less.

AUTUMN 2 • ADDITION & SUBTRACTION

- Explore part-whole relationships, number bonds to 10, addition/subtraction within 10 and fact families.

VOCAB number • numeral • compare • order • greater • less • equal • one more • one less • part • whole

SCIENCE & LOCAL WORLD

AUTUMN 1 • OUR LOCAL WORLD

- Revisit senses; identify and label body parts; observe autumn changes in trees, plants and weather.

AUTUMN 2 • MATERIALS & SEASONS

- Distinguish objects from materials; identify wood, plastic, glass, metal and fabric; describe simple properties and observe the move towards winter.

VOCAB body parts • sight • hearing • taste • smell • touch • autumn • weather • material • wood • plastic • metal

OUR AUTUMN ADVENTURE

This term we will become confident Year 1 learners: listening carefully, asking questions, explaining our ideas and using new vocabulary across the curriculum.

🌿 Curious • confident • kind 🌿

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

AUTUMN 1 • OUR LOCAL WORLD

- Compare our locality now with when parents/grandparents were children; study school grounds and local features.

AUTUMN 2 • CELEBRATIONS

- Compare celebrations experienced by children with those of previous generations; explore remembrance and local traditions: use maps and simple symbols.

VOCAB past • present • old • new • timeline • local • community • map • symbol • feature

READING

READING TOGETHER

- Build reading stamina and enjoyment; discuss titles, characters, settings and key events.

READING SKILLS

- Predict what may happen next, explore vocabulary in context, retrieve information and begin to make simple inferences.

VOCAB predict • retrieve • infer • evidence • title • character • setting • vocabulary • poem • rhyme

ART, MUSIC & CREATIVITY

ART • DRAWING

- Draw from observation with increasing accuracy; explore line, shape and shading; study LS Lowry and local buildings.

ART • PAINTING & MUSIC

- Mix tints and shades; explore warm/cool colours and brush techniques; maintain pulse and create simple rhythms.

VOCAB draw • sketch • observation • line • shape • shading • colour • tint • shade • warm • cool • pulse • rhythm

RE & COMMUNICATION

AUTUMN 1 • BELONGING

- Explore: What makes a community special? Focus on Christianity and the local community.

AUTUMN 2 • CELEBRATIONS

- Explore why people celebrate different festivals, including Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism; compare simple similarities and differences.

VOCAB community • belong • Christianity • celebration • festival • tradition • belief • Christmas • Diwali

PE DAYS

TUESDAY & FRIDAY

PHYSICAL FOCUS

Fundamentals & Gymnastics • Dance & Fundamentals

KEY WORDS

travel • balance • shape • direction • sequence • coordination • agility