



Roberts Primary School Weekly Newsletter 27.09.24

A message from the Leadership Team

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hopefully earlier this week you received an email with the dates for events over the Autumn term (they are also in the diary dates below). We have put these out now to hopefully give you as much notice as possible to make arrangements with work so you can see your child/ren in their assemblies or performances. Over the school year, all classes will have the opportunity to perform or lead an assembly. Apologies for some parents/carers who will have a wait in the hall before the performance or assembly begins.

Over the next couple of weeks the Handy Helpers group will be meeting to plan out more events and fundraising for the Autumn term. Keep a look out for more details coming soon.

Thank you to everyone who attended the coffee morning/afternoon. Following the request of some parents/carers, we will be holding one more coffee evening for anyone who was unable to attend due to work.

This will be held on Thursday 3rd October at 5pm in the main hall.

Please let us know if you are attending by clicking the link below. You only need to respond to this if you are attending.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Watkins, Mr Hughes, Miss Beddoes and Miss Gregory

Attendance



Our goal for each week for attendance is 96% and above for every class.

At the end of this week our attendance for each year group is:

Reception attendance is 96.03%

Year 1 attendance is 94.14%

Year 2 attendance is 94.27%

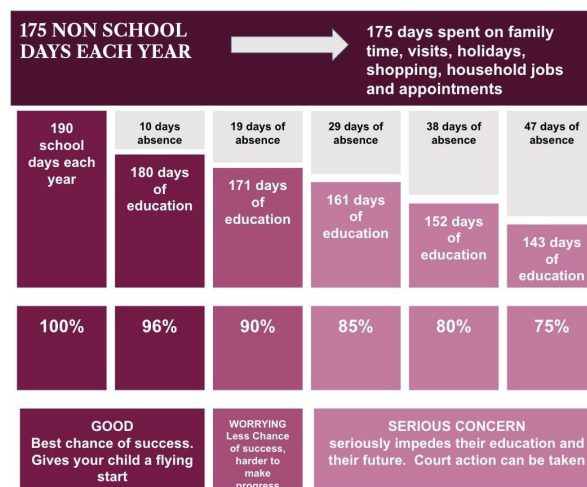
Year 3 attendance is 94.43%

Year 4 attendance is 95.12%

Year 5 attendance is 94.33%

Year 6 attendance is 92.93%

Overall whole school attendance is 94.40%



Polite Reminders



Please can we remind all parents to park and drive safely around the school community. It is also important that our gates are not blocked as this is preventing emergency access. Thank you you your support with this.

Can we also remind all parents/carers of our expectations for anyone who is on the school site regarding the language we are using. As we have young children around, please do not use any inappropriate language as we do not want children overhearing this and using it on the playground. Many thanks for your understanding.

Dates for your Diary



Thursday 3rd October- 5pm- Parent/Carer coffee evening in the main hall- for anyone who was unable to attend previous meetings- booking link will be on the newsletter.

Friday 4th October- 9:30am- School Tours for Reception class 2025

Wednesday 9th October- 9:30am- School Tours for Reception class 2025

Thursday 10th October- 9:30am and 5pm- Reception/Year 1 Phonics Meeting- This meeting is so you can find out more about how you can support your child with their phonics.

Friday 11th October- 9:30am- School Tours for Reception class 2025

Friday 11th October- 9:40am- Year 3 Harvest Assembly- Year 3 parents/carers to go to the main hall.

Wednesday 16th October: Anti-bullying workshop for Year 6 and World Water workshop for Year 4.

Thursday 17th October- Year 6 SATs meeting for parents/carers- 9:30am and 5pm- This meeting is so you can find out more about SATs and how you can support your child/ren. Please go to the main hall.

Friday 18th October: Theatre trip- details to follow

Thursday 24th October- 4pm- School Tours for Reception class 2025

Friday 25th October- 9:40am- Year 2 Diwali Assembly- Year 2 parents/carers to go to the main hall.

Monday 28th October: Half Term

Monday 4th November: INSET day- school closed for pupils

Tuesday 5th November: Pupils return to school

Monday 11th November- Remembrance Parade- School Council. Taking place in Gornal Village- parents/carers welcome to attend.

Wednesday 18th December- Nursery Carol Service- 11:30am and 3pm- Parents/carers to go to Nursery during the session your child attends.

Wednesday 18th December- Reception Nativity Performance- 9:30am and 2pm- This will be in the main hall. More information to follow regarding tickets.

Thursday 19th December- Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Performance- 9:30am and 2pm- This will be in the main hall. More information to follow regarding tickets.

After School Clubs



Our extra-curricular clubs this half term are as follows:

Monday - Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball run by Ace Coaching Club (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

Tuesday - Year 6 Commando Joe's (8.00am - 8.45am)

Tuesday - Year 4, 5 and 6 Choir (3.30pm - 4.15pm)

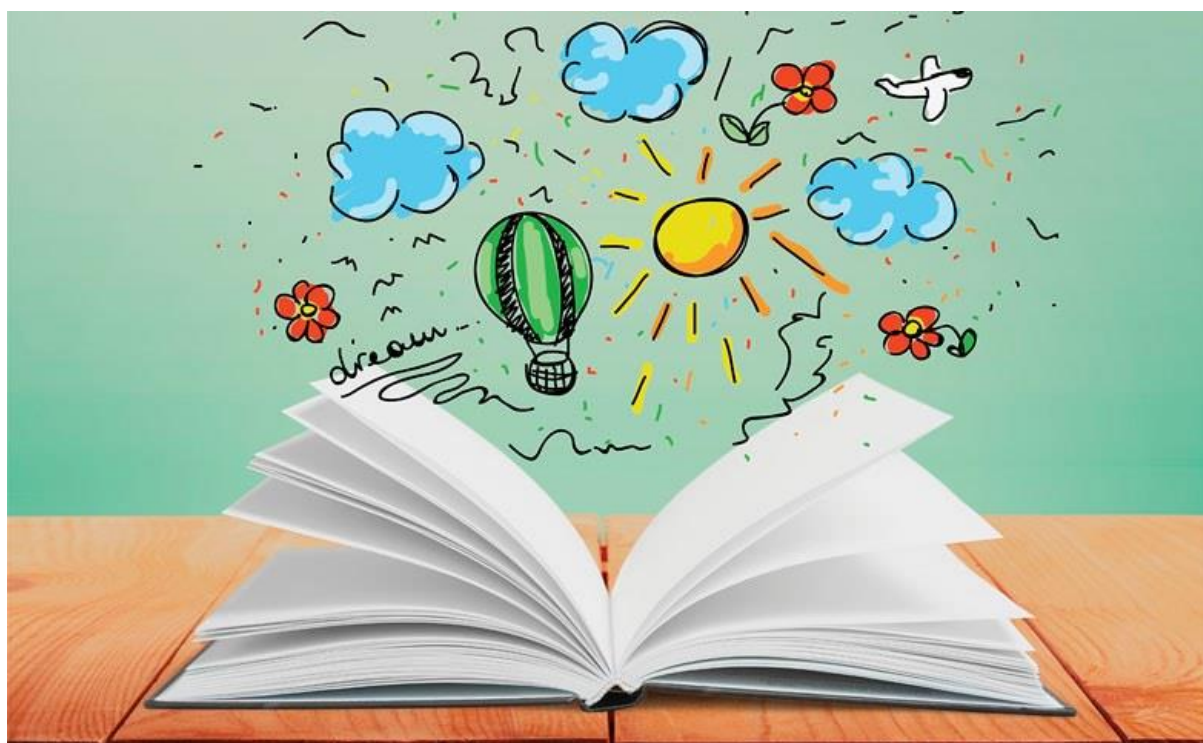
Tuesday - Year 3 Commando Joe's (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

Wednesday - Year 1 and 2 Multi Sports run by Ace Coaching Club (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

Thursday - Year 6 Tag Rugby Club (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

Thursday - KS2 Orchestra (3.30pm - 4.15pm)

Reading at Roberts!



The Book With No Pictures

B.J. Novak

1 - This week's recommendation is a book that makes children (and adults) of all ages laugh!

Let us know when you have read it!

Class Information



2 - Nursery - Important Information

We have been enjoying the Autumnal weather this week, and talking about the changes we can see with the leaves. If your children want to bring in any Autumn objects, like leaves, conkers, pine cones etc, to share with their friends, they are more than welcome.

Along side singing 'it's raining it pouring' we have been busy:

- Learning the nursery rhyme - 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'
- Glueing and sprinkling glitter using our pincher grip to aid our fine motor skills.
- We have been exploring our new construction area and building walls and towers, even "houses" to aid our gross motor skills.
- Introducing name cards to talk about initial sounds for each name to introduce phonics into the timetable.

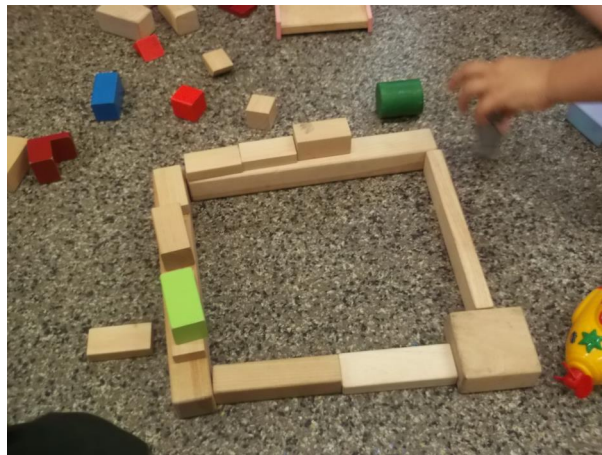
This term we will be learning lots of different Nursery Rhymes and I thought I'd take this opportunity to share a link to explain a little about why we are doing this to start our school year:

[Why Nursery Rhymes are important for children's development](#)





Reception



Another fantastic week in Reception. The children have continued reading our story about The Three Little pigs and they are now really good at doing the actions to the story. Everybody enjoyed exploring some real straw and trying to build a house with it. It was very tricky but it was fun pretending to be the wolf and huffing and puffing until the houses fell down! The children then used the straw to make some straw house collages and models. Lots of children chose to build a brick house and this involved some great team work and careful placing of the bricks.

Important information - PE starts next week so please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school and all uniform and PE kits are named.

PE days are:-

Reception Red - Monday

Reception Blue - Thursday

Reception Yellow - Friday

Year 1

Year 1 - This week in Forest School the children worked in teams to make dens out of logs, twigs and leaves. We were so lucky with the weather and the children had a great time. In English, the children have shared the story Daddy's Sandwich by Pip Jones and they have designed their own sandwich for someone in their family. They have had some interesting and creative ideas. Thank you for returning the Little Wandle books. The children have been given new reading books to return on Monday. Please let us know how they are getting on with their new books by writing in their reading records.



Year 2

Year 2 are really enjoying their work in Science. They have been investigating the properties of materials and finding out which materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and

stretching. They have enjoyed considering which materials are suited for which jobs. Can they tell you the definitions of vocabulary such as rigid, opaque, transparent?

In Art, the children have loved learning about the work of Paul Klee and imitating his art using different mediums.



Year 3

This week Year 3 have had their second French lesson with Madame Jones who they have lessons with every two weeks. they continued to learn simple phrases including bonjour, ca va?, comment t'appelle tu? and je m'appelle. The children were able to say these to each other using puppets around the class.

The children have also enjoyed learning about healthy eating, looking at which foods should make up our daily diets.

It's been great seeing so many of you are regularly reading with your children at home through your comments in their reading diaries. Please continue to do so as reading a little every night can really help their development.





Year 4

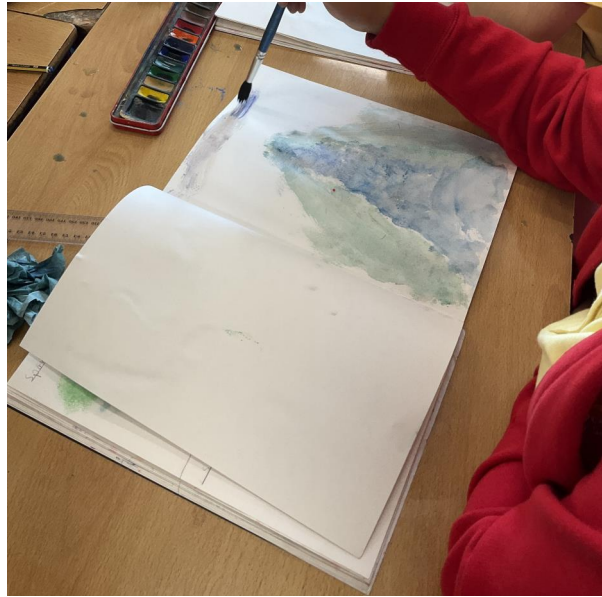
3 - Year 4 - Important Information

This week, year 4 have enjoyed planning and conducting an investigation to find out the time it takes for different types of chocolate to melt in Science. The children worked in small groups to carry out the investigation, observing and recording their results before analysing them.

In Art, children have learnt about impressionism - looking at the work of Claude Monet. This week we focussed on experimenting with creating texture using brushes, sponges and paper towels to create different effects.

We have also enjoyed writing our narrative stories based on 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. It has been a pleasure to read some of their creative ideas.

On Friday 18th October, Year 4 have the exciting opportunity to watch a performance of David Walliams 'Awful Auntie' at the Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham. Please make sure you have returned your reply slip by Monday 30th September.



4 - Creating different textures in Art.



5 - Investigating which type of chocolate melts the quickest.

Year 5

6 - Year 5 - Important Information

In Year 5 this week we have been creating some wonderful examples of watercolour Art linked to our topic of 'World War 1'. The children have been painting poppies in Flanders Fields after discussing

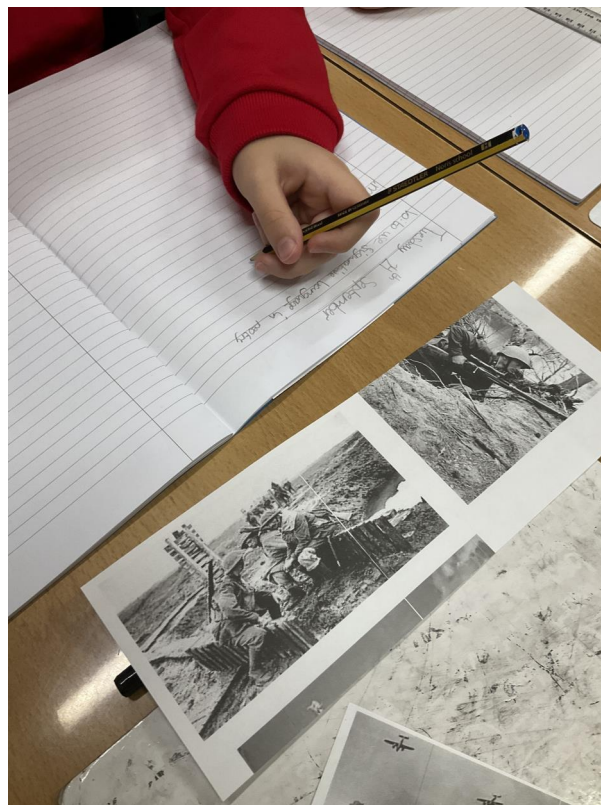
the significance and historical importance behind them. The children used various effects, such as bleeding, washes and perspective to capture some great work!

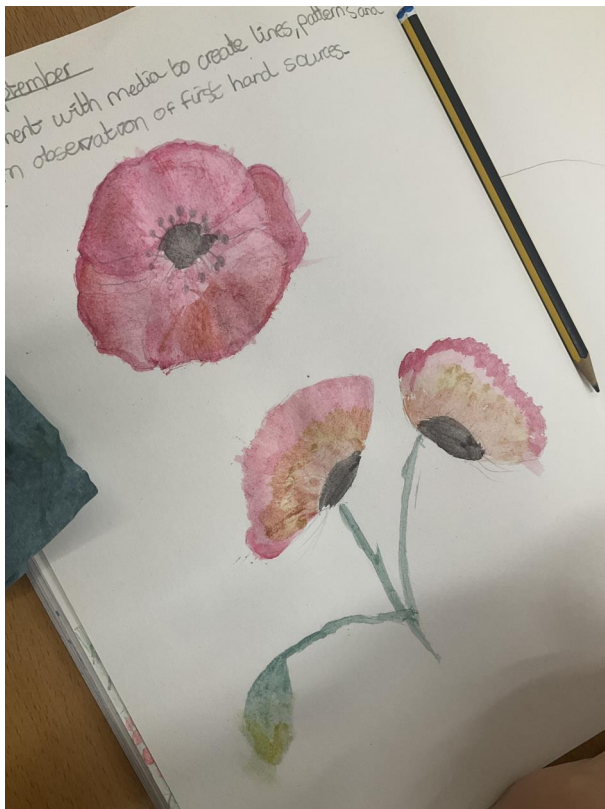
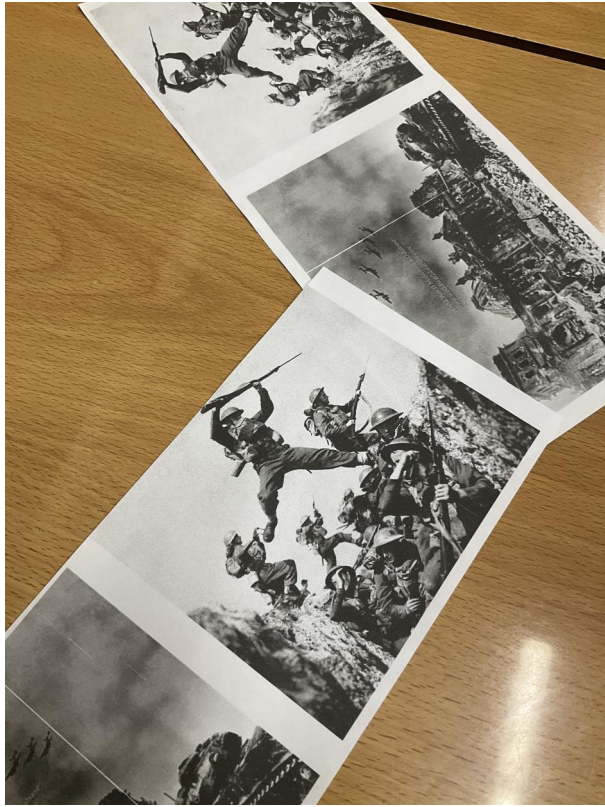
We are continuing to look at poetry in English and have started to create our very own examples! The themes can be quite intense and challenging but the children have been extremely mature and thoughtful when constructing their poems. They have used figurative language such as personification, similes and metaphors to describe and paint images in the readers mind!

In History, we have looked at the famous 'truce' event that happened during Christmas Day! The children were amazed at what happened and how both sides became friends just for one day and shared in the magic of Christmas.

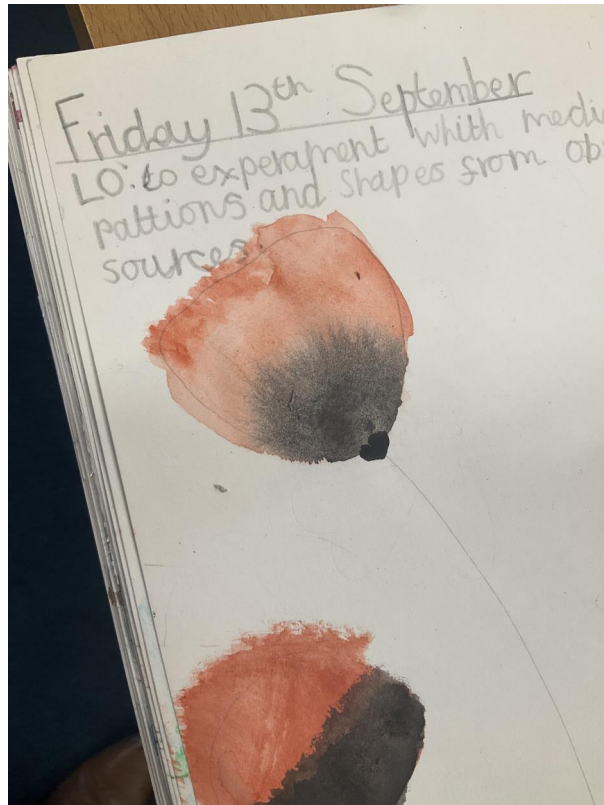
In Maths next week, we will be continuing to cover addition and subtraction, while moving on to narrative writing around the book 'Friend or Foe'.

If you could please ensure you listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and sign this in their reading record! Thank you!









YEAR 6

7 - Year 6 - Important Information

In order to support your child with their preparation for taking their SATs in the Summer term we would like to give you notice of a **SATs meeting for parents and carers**. This meeting will take place on **Thursday 17th October at 9:30am and 5pm**. Please go to the main hall.

Well done this week to Amber, Crystal and Logan who are Year 6's Reading Champions this week and congratulations to Max, Kevin and Harriet on getting the Handwriting Hero award this week.

Year 6 have enjoyed reading the beginning of our class novel *Wonder* this week. This thought provoking and well-written book will give us plenty of opportunities for writing and discussion activities.

As part of our Design Technology topic on bread Year 6 have had the opportunity to make their designs for their finished project out of salt dough. The children displayed the flair of Paul Hollywood in making their products and they are looking forward to making their bread over the next couple of weeks.

