

Expressive Arts and Design – Art: How to use different materials such as paint, chalk, junk modelling and natural objects to create artwork. Exploring techniques such as fixing, joining, designing, cutting, sticking and collage.

Music: Singing familiar songs and nursery rhymes, playing instruments and weekly music sessions. Learning and performing songs for our Christmas performance.

Drama/developing creativity: Role play, dressing up, and small world play.

Understanding the World – People, Culture and Communities: Our Families; Harvest Festival; Diwali; Christmas

RE: Special People: What makes People Special? (focus religions: Christianity and Judaism) Christmas: What is Christmas? (Christianity) Diwali (the Hindu Festival of Light)

The World: We will look closely at the natural world and the changes of Autumn and Winter. We will think about how food and ingredients are harvested and made.

Past and Present: We will compare farming in the past and present.

Literacy – Our daily **phonics** sessions will introduce sounds and letters we need to learn to read and write. We follow the **Little Wandle** scheme for our sessions and do group reading every day. More information on phonics and reading will be given at our information session.

Some of the stories/texts we will use in our learning include: *The Little Red Hen, Owl Babies and Stickman*.

We use the **Talk for Writing** process in our Literacy sessions, which starts by enjoying and sharing stories. It involves learning chosen stories off by heart and eventually adapting stories to make our own. We will make story maps to retell stories and use actions to recite and act them out.

Physical Development – Our PE lessons on **Tuesdays** will introduce us to PE, learning to negotiate space and equipment. We will be doing **PARACHUTE GAMES**. Our large outdoor area will involve lots of fine and gross motor skills, such as tying knots, threading, building and making obstacle courses.

We will start our days with **Make and Move** mornings which will involve activities such as threading, cutting, drawing and working towards correct pencil control. We will also make big movements with our bodies to get us ready for learning!

What are we learning in Robin Class?

Autumn 2026



Our main topics will be: Nursery Rhymes, The Little Red Hen, We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt, Diwali, Owl Babies, Stickman and Christmas!

ALL sessions in Robin Class give children the opportunity to choose their own learning and learn through play. We call this **Busy Time**. The children will lead their own play as well as take part in play led by adults. Our learning environment is carefully planned and resources are provided to support this. This purposeful play supports development across all areas of learning.

Mathematics – Mastering Number

Through lots of active and engaging games and activities, we will:

- Practise subitising (to 'see' or recognise an amount/quantity without needing to count)
- Identify when to subitise and when to count
- Focus on counting skills, including counting objects
- Explore the composition of numbers and how they are made of 1s; the 'fiveness of 5'; a 'whole' and 'part'
- Compare sets and use 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number'
- Match numbers to quantities within 10
- Verbally count beyond 20

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development – Our focus at the beginning of term will be being **ready to learn**. Children will be encouraged to be **independent, confident** and **challenge themselves**.

Jigsaw PSHE lessons: Being in My World, and Celebrating Difference.