



Robins' News



Friday 17th May

Robins have been, as ever, very busy with a wide variety of learning. Our most recent theme, The Gingerbread Man, has, and continues to, result in some lovely learning. The children have produced some lovely creative representations of the Gingerbread Man, for example used collage materials, and on another occasion, painting some superb and colourful designs on an outline of him. Children have used the Small World area to create puppets, and then used those to re-tell the story to their friends. This is a great way to reinforce the events of the story, and a super way for children to investigate and practise the language of storytelling. It is a great activity to support ideas for writing, as the children have already spoken about the kinds of ideas they may wish to write in subsequent activities. The children have been developing the skill of drawing a story map, a technique that allows children to draw the events of the story along a path - telling the story as you travel along it. Again, this is a great aid to developing writing skills, as the children will know *what* they are writing about, as they have already drawn it. Robins are just beginning to investigate this approach, but it already seems a hit with most children. The technique is one part of the range of approaches used in 'Talk for Writing', the school wide approach to develop wonderful writers, that the school has adopted. Our 'Magical Maths' display board has some super examples of addition on display. One of the Tango challenges was to add sequins to two gingerbread men outlines, then to find the total number by adding the values together. Some excellent maths happened, and was then put on display. We will be continuing with our Gingerbread Man theme for four days next week, including making our own gingerbread men! Let the smell of cooking fill the classroom - and hopefully not set off the smoke alarm!



On Friday, we be enjoying a range of activities to help celebrate the forthcoming Royal wedding. Wedding invitations will be written and bunting will be made and hung up, all in preparation for the big day.



The warmer weather has been a long time coming, but (generally) seems to be here. Please remember to send your child with a (named) sun hat. Sun cream is equally important. Staff are not allowed to apply this, so please ensure that children are confident and, more importantly, competent, at apply it themselves. Children should only use their own sun cream, rather than sharing with their friends, so that we can ensure that children don't have a reaction to a cream that is not suitable for them. The most convenient approach is to apply an all-day lotion, which often provides up to eight hours protection. Please do check the label to ensure this is the case.

Next week's Forest School session will take place on Tuesday **afternoon**. If your child is not in attendance during this session, please don't send their forest school clothes in for this day. The session is in the afternoon so that Penguins class have piece and quiet for the SATs test they will be sitting that morning.

Suggested home activity; design a colourful gingerbread man using the outline on the reverse of the newsletter. *Challenge; write a super sentence that tells the reader something exciting about the gingerbread man you've designed. As usual - have fun doing it!*


