



# YEAR 2 ROBINS

Class Teachers: Mr Stanton

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs White, Mrs Strudwick, Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Reilly

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Important diary dates and reminders

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Kings and Queens workshop:** Don't forget that children should come to school dressed as royalty (princes and princesses acceptable) for what will be a fabulous day!

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday:** A chance for us all to enjoy a day off work in the rain...

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Y2 Class Assembly:** Come along at 08:50am to see the Robins perform.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May:** Mr S away on the Year 5 residential. Mrs Breslaw will cover Robins for the week.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half term:** A much-needed week off before the final 7 weeks of Year 2!

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – INSET day:** A chance for you to enjoy a long weekend with the children while I'm in school writing end of year reports.

### Housekeeping:

**Class Assembly words, costumes etc:** Costume-wise, the Reps have sent round a 'rough guide' for the assembly costumes. Flat caps, waistcoats, dresses, skirts, blouses etc are all appropriate, so if anyone has anything like that which could be used, either for your own child or another Robin, please do send those in, as soon as you are able to.

**Water bottles:** A reminder that these should only be coming into school with water in them. There's been an increasingly wide variety of other drinks brought in recently, so please ensure that they are water only.

### Class Work Update:

Another week ticked off, a little surprisingly to be honest as I hadn't really appreciated it was Friday until well into the afternoon. Lots achieved this week although it's all a bit of a blur, such is the amount that we have had to cram in as ever. English-wise, the children have continued to produce written work related to our book 'grandad's Secret Giant', as they look to really move their writing to the next level over this final term in Key Stage 1.

Our maths fractions work has looked at quarters and thirds, recognising and finding examples of these in shapes and amounts. The general sound level of understanding has been maintained across the week and there has been some good knowledge retention shown in each lesson. Today we also touched on Unit Fractions, those being fractions where the numerator (top number) is 1. On Monday the children will look at Non-Unit Fractions, where, believe it or not, the numerator (still the top number) is not 1.

In Science this week we looked at the lifecycle of sunflowers and strawberries, the children drawing out the stages of each. We talked about other such foodstuffs which led to their little minds being totally blown when I told them that tomatoes and cucumbers are fruits and that a strawberry *sort of* isn't. Our art activity this week was making clay pinch pots, something the children did extremely well all told, some of them making one or two different examples and adding in extra features like crimped rims/lips. This merely serves as practice for their final piece – a clay tile – which they will produce in a couple of weeks and ultimately will bring home. In computing we looked at how computers aid the astronauts on the ISS, talked about what happens during the coronation of a monarch in our history session and finished the week off with a one-off session about allergies.

### Spellings:

Onwards with our Little Wandle spelling units, which we're now about halfway through. The focus has been on spelling the /zh/ sound in different ways - /si/ and /su/ - and so this week's words are provided in line with that.

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### Home learning:

#### Maths worksheet

Finding Thirds. Children need to work through each example, finding a third of the objects/pictures, the bar model and shading the boxes in different ways at the bottom. As always, the sheets are already stuck into the home learning books.

### And finally...

A lovely warm end to the week and what better way to end it than with a sunny, mufti-clad Friday, not something that hypes the children up at all... As such, a balmy couple of days in the weekend sun is required and I'm sure that we'll all make the most of it. Sunday = Classic car show in Guildford High Street, so that's where I'll be, drooling over all the vehicles that are way, way, way beyond anything I can afford. Maybe I'll see you there, but if not, Monday it is!

**Keep smiling, stay safe. Mr S.**

