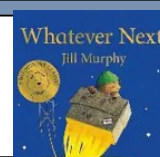
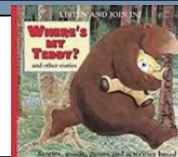
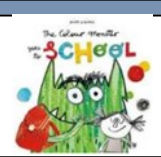




Puffins and Robins Autumn Term 1 Newsletter



Books / Text Based Learning



Autumn Term Key Dates

Term 1: Friday 4th September 2026 to Friday, 23 October 2026

(Half term: Saturday, 24 October to Sunday, 1 November 2026)

Term 2: Monday, 2 November 2026 to Friday, 18 December 2026

(Christmas holiday: Saturday, 19 December 2026 to Sunday, 3 January 2027)



A big welcome to our new Puffins and Robins!

A few key things to remember for the start of the school year:

- a named bottle of water at school each day
- a sun hat and sun cream for the hotter days
- a waterproof or warm coat, and a hat and gloves for the chillier days!
- Some parents like to provide a pair of wellies and a puddle suit to keep at school should the weather be wet.

Please could we also ask that all items are clearly named.

Literacy

We aim for all children to quickly learn to read and develop a love of reading for pleasure. We follow the Read Write Inc. Phonics Scheme and the children will be getting to know Fred Frog, who can say sounds but not yet words. They will be learning to blend those sounds orally to make words. You can help with this at home by asking your child to get/do/find things in Fred Talk! E.g. find something r-e-d—red!

We will have lots of opportunity for mark-making, learning how to or developing our name recognition and name writing. Through Drawing Club, we build on the joy of sharing books and using our imagination to draw pictures and write squiggles and words.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We will be using key texts to explore emotions and understand how others might be feeling. We will be learning how to play and work alongside others at school. We will be learning the rules and routines of the school day and developing an understanding of expectations. This will also help us to gain a sense of belonging in our school community.

Mathematics

We will be learning class routines and talking about the key times in the day. We will be learning where things belong and using positional language to describe where something is. We will also learn how to subitise—learning how to use our 'fast eyes' to know how many and the composition. E.g. I can see three, two at the top and one at the bottom.

Communication and Language

We will be enjoying lots of songs and rhymes! These are great for helping develop vocabulary and early reading skills. We will read stories to develop our listening and attention skills and to learn new vocabulary and use new words in different contexts.

Understanding the World

We will be talking about members of our immediate family and describing people who are familiar to them. We will be talking about what we like to do with family, where we live and make similarities and difference with others. We will also be learning about Harvest within our community and enjoying practising Harvest songs!

Physical Development

We help to strengthen our bodies by daily physical activities such as climbing, balancing, large construction. We will complete activities to develop their fine motor skills e.g. playdough, bead threading, sorting objects with tweezers. We also learning how to form letters correctly and practising daily.

PE days

Robins (Gedney Hill) Wednesday by Mr Baron

Puffins (Shepeau Stow) Friday by Mrs Beale

Expressive Art and Design

We will be listening to different music and exploring how we can use our bodies to move. We will be developing rhythm and pulse through chanting call-and-response sound patterns.

We will also be freely exploring different materials to develop our own ideas, as well as mixing colours to discover how they can be changed.