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CLASSES

Robins – What a super week we have had in Robins. The children have thoroughly enjoyed practicing counting on from a number using number tracks. We have then had great fun playing different board games to practice subitising using dice and counting on the number of spaces. Snakes and ladders has been quite competitive!

In our English sessions, the children have designed their own dog to join a Hairy Maclary adventure. During our topic, we have started learning about animal groups including mammals, birds and reptiles. We are all very excited to spot some of these groups of animals on our trip to Tattershall Farm Park next half term!

Goldfinches – A great week in Goldfinches. Year 2s finished off their Fractions unit in maths by cutting pancakes into various fractions (and gobbling them up), and then started on time, understanding o'clock and half past. Year 1 have been learning their 2s, 5s and 10s. In English we created posters of how to look after crayons and started writing instructions regarding this. In ICT we continued with Beebots and programming. In art we finished off our portrait collages and in French we learned about bumblebees – l'abelie. In topic we learned about Queen Victoria and her reign. We learned about what tasks she did in various rooms of Buckingham Palace. Did you know she has more than 5 different coloured Drawing Rooms that she used for different activities! In RE we looked at symbols of Holy Week and their importance.

Kingfishers -A fun filled week in Kingfishers, we have loved starting out new topic in maths – of money, using some pretend money to find how much we have, and starting to use it to problem solve with. In art, we have loved being botanical artists, carefully sketching parts of plants and trying to copy work of other artists, comparing and contrasting the differences. We have had a great week of swimming, being very resilient, working hard, and listening carefully to instructions. In PE, we had a blast playing capture the flag, working as teams, to come up with clever tactics, to outsmart the other team to win.

Woodpeckers - A very busy week in Woodpeckers this week. We have completed our Money unit in maths, so next time you're at the shops get your children to work out your change. In English we have been discovering all about Antarctica in preparation for some work on Ernest Shackleton's famous journey. Our reading book Letters from the Lighthouse is really ramping up the excitement, will we ever see or hear from Sukie again, we seriously hope so. DT has had us looking at various forms of Greek architecture, so we are all experts at the different types of columns, and I expect the children to be informing you of them if they spot them whilst out and about.

Golden Eagles - Wow! What a week for year 6. We have completed our SATS this week after lots of learning, revision and perseverance. The children have shown immense determination these past few weeks, challenging their learning and tackling new concepts in preparation for our assessments. We are very proud of our year 6's! After SATS we enjoyed some down time, playing board games, colouring, lots of extra playtime outdoors in the lovely sunshine and helped Mrs Feary with some gardening. The children deserve a restful weekend!

E-SAFETY

Block out online risks in Minecraft With millions of players chatting and creating, our [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide helps parents and educators keep young gamers safe in this endlessly popular sandbox title

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<https://ow.ly/g7Gx50VRURc#MinecraftSafety>

KEY TIMINGS

- Breakfast Club: 7:50am
- School gate opens: 8:30am
- Registration opens 8:45am
- End of school day: 3:15pm
- After school Club: 4:45pm or 6:00pm

Please be aware that if you are late collecting for 4:45pm session, then you will be charged for a 6pm session

Pre-School

- 8:30-11:30- Morning session
- 11:30-2:30- Afternoon session
- 2:30-3:15- Optional additional session

Owls phone number to be used 3:15-6:00pm
 07511 855786

CLUBS

- Monday-** Y5/6 Capture the Flag
- Wednesday-** Y3/4 Tri Golf
- Friday-** Y1/2 Summer Sports

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

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Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS
 While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of digital LEGO, various game modes include elements designed to be scary and often there can be a bit too frightening for some younger children. Parents looking to limit their child's exposure to these elements should be aware of the following:

GRIEFING
 Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately destroying or demolishing another player's creations. This behaviour, known as griefing, is a form of harassment by stealing hours of their work and replacing it with a variety of items, being abusive and insulting, or even deleting their entire world. It can be a real pain for the victims and often leads to them being excluded from the game.

ADDICTIVENESS
 Minecraft's focus on creativity means that with only a limited amount of your child's playing it offers an escape from the real world. This can be a good thing, but it's important to be aware of the game's potential for addiction. Signs of excessive gaming include loss of interest in other activities, changes in eating and sleeping patterns, and a decline in school performance.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS
 While public servers bring an exciting challenge to Minecraft, it's a highly busy chat channel and so playing with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even have an emphasis on voice chat. Parents should be aware of the risks of communication between players. While there's nothing wrong with voice chat, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who have had their own server may have that if someone is exposed, posing a further security risk.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES
 Minecraft is available on a free trial on a variety of devices, however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £16. Other paid services have the option to buy additional content, upgrades or subscribe to optional subscription services that allow users to play the game on multiple devices. Without proper supervision, younger children may be tempted to purchase additional content or services without their parents' knowledge.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE
 Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode offers children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to the game with them, since the difficulty level is the lowest. This allows you to learn together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER
 The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting it on your own network keeps them safe from griefing, as they're been given the address and password. A private server is also a good way to ensure that you're in control of the game. However, it's important to be aware that not everyone who should be there. There's the chance of someone who shouldn't be there, so it's important to be aware of the risks of hosting a private server. However, it's also a good way to ensure that you're in control of the game.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS
 At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential. As to having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people, it's important that a child knows how to block a player. This is a simple task that can be done in a few seconds. Without proper supervision, younger children may be tempted to purchase additional content or services without their parents' knowledge.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS
 Much of Minecraft's early success can be seen in the fact that players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in stores to help you learn the basics. Just be careful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD
 As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to learn up and construct with buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes. Much fun working with LEGO or model kit. Playing on a private server for play with friends can encourage critical thinking and teamwork. However, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert
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KEY DATES



- Tuesday 20th May-** Y5/6 Kwick Cricket- selected children have been informed
- Thursday 22nd May-** Y5 Team Building Day and all children throughout school to wear PE Kit
- Thursday 22nd May-** Y6 Church School Festival
- Monday 2nd-6th June-** Multiplication Timestable check (Y4)
- Monday 2nd June-** Y1/2 **Monarchy Day-** dress in your finest garments
- W/C Monday 9th June-** Y1 Phonics Screening Check and Y2 re-screen.
- Tuesday 3rd June-** New Intake Evening
- Friday 20th June-** Sports Day and Picnic
- Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th June -** Y3 Lincs show
- Tuesday 17th June-** Y4 Church School festival
- Monday 23rd June-** Y2 farm visit
- Monday 7th- Wednesday 9th July-** Y6 residential

CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The winning class gets to keep an attendance trophy for a week. We are aiming for 97+%



Robins-89.35 %
Goldfinches- 94.38 %
Kingfishers- 97.16 %
Woodpeckers- 93.51 %
Golden Eagles- 97.78 %

Well Done Golden Eagles !!!

Y4 Church School Festival

Each year, Y4s get the opportunity to take part in the Church School Festival in Sleaford. During the festival, the children experience expressions of Christianity from other world views. New Life Church have kindly loaned us their mini-bus to take the children to and from Sleaford, which means we do not have to hire a coach. In exchange for this, they have asked for donations for the Community Larder.

In order to do this, we would like Y4s to bring a non-perishable item to school so we can put together a food box to demonstrate our thanks and support. There is a list of much needed items below. We would be grateful if you would send your donations into school after half term, before 17th June. More information regarding this visit will be sent out nearer the time.

• UHT Milk	• Tinned ravioli
• Tinned Potatoes	• Tinned chilli, curry etc.
• Tinned Carrots	• Tinned hotdogs
• Snack pasta	• Tinned Macaroni Cheese
• Snack rice	• Fray Bentos Pies
• Snack noodles	• Tinned Fruit
• Tinned meat (stews, casseroles etc.)	• Tinned Puddings (rice pudding etc.)

PE KIT DAY FOR ALL CHILDREN THURSDAY 22ND MAY

On Thursday 22nd May, Year 4 and Year 5 will be taking part in a special team-building day, which will include a range of exciting activities and inflatables.

In addition to this, all children across the school should come to school in their PE kit, as each year group will also have a chance during the day to enjoy time on the inflatables with their classmates. Swimming will also take place as normal.

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to allow them to safely take part in the activities.

If you have any questions, please contact us at enquiries@kltprimary.co.uk or speak to Mr PG.

