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I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break, especially the last few days when the sun finally came out! The children have all settled back in really well to the new term. We would like to say welcome to Jago who has joined us in Kingfishers this week and his sister Indie who has started in Robins. I know all the children will have made them feel at home.

We are pleased to let you know that we have appointed a new member of staff to work in the preschool. Miss Devoney Payne will join us at the end of the month, taking on the role of preschool leader. She comes with much experience of working in nurseries and will be a fantastic addition to our hardworking team. We will make sure you get a chance to meet her when she starts with us. We are also recruiting for a new member office staff to replace Mrs Hannah Turner and should hopefully be able to give you more information next week after we have interviewed.

The class teachers have been busy arranging trips for all the children during the summer term. More information will follow in the next couple of weeks about these exciting opportunities. We have also booked Tuesday 11th June as the provisional date for Sports Day (with Tuesday 18th June as the reserve date) and are in discussions with Ian Groves about a sponsored Olympics event - again more details to follow shortly.

Mr Turull

	Weekly Diary for Term 5
Monday	pm - Violin lesson for Goldfinch Class
	after school - KS2 Football Club with Mr and Mrs Ball
	after school - KS1 Craft Club with Mrs Layland
Tuesday	8.00 am Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves
	PE for all children with Mr Groves
	Lunchtime - KS1 Recorder Club with Mrs Ball
	Lunchtime - Eco Club with Miss White and Miss Willis
	after school Sports Club with Mr Groves
Wednesday	8.00 am Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves
	after school - Drop in sessions in all classes
	after school - Arts and Crafts Club organised by Mr Groves
Thursday	8.00 am Breakfast Club organised by Mr Groves
	pm - PE for Goldfinch Class
	pm - Individual music lessons with Mrs Garland
	after school - Construction Club with Mrs Newbury
	after school - Dance Club with Mrs Smith
Friday	pm - Forest School for Starling Class and PE for Swallows and Kingfishers

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News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we have been learning about minibeasts and have had fun trying to find some in our garden.



This week the Kingfishers started a new topic - Minibeasts. We had fun writing about the book *Superworm* by Julia Donaldson, we even wrote our own imagined stories. In Science, we learned about plants as living things and in DT we did some weaving by decorating our little dens with this technique.



This week in Starlings we began a new art unit looking at 3D sculptures. We discussed the work of the artist Samantha Stephenson thinking about how her work was made and what we liked/disliked about her sculptures. We then created our own 3D sculptures through making different sized paper tubes and thinking carefully how we wanted to arrange them.

Goldfinch class have started learning new skills for netball, including chest passes and the footwork rule. As the weeks progress we hope to get some matches going and put our skills to the test.



Swallows have been exploring a new novel this week - *Clockwork* by Phillip Pullman. Today we enjoyed writing our own tense setting descriptions based on worlds of clocks.



Diary Dates

FOLS Meeting Class Photos with Nigel Coles School Photographer

<u>May</u>

Wednesday 1st Monday 6th Wednesday 8th Thursday 9th Sarurday 11th Mon 13th - Thurs 16th Mon 20th - Thurs 23rd Friday 24th Goldfinch Class trip to Earth Science Centre Bank Holiday Coffee Morning (9:00am) Dental Survey for 5 year olds FOLS Plant Sale 10 - 12midday at Memorial Hall Key Stage 2 SATS week for Year 6 pupils Parent Drop In sessions - we will confirm which class on which day next week Kingfisher Class and Starling Class Trip to Carymoor (more details to follow) End of Term 5











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