

Robin Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for such a warm welcome to Hawkesbury Upton Primary School. I have enjoyed meeting all the children and parents of Robin class and I am looking forward to the year ahead. This newsletter aims to provide you with important routines and information for Robin Class.

Robin Class will have two teachers this year. Mrs Tilsley will take the class on a Thursday, whilst I will take the class for the rest of the week.

PE:

This term PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child wears suitable PE kit to school on these days, including trainers, as it will be taking place outdoors.

Wellies:

As we will be spending some of our play times on the field, please ensure your child has a pair of wellies available to them at school each day in the event the grass is wet.

Snack:

Fruit is free for KS1 child. If your child would like toast at break time please ensure they come to school with 10p for every day they would like some. Milk is organised by school milk services so please contact them should you child want milk at break time.

Reading Books

This term reading books will be sent home on Mondays and will need to be returned to school on Friday morning each week please so that we are able to quarantine them over the weekend. We do still ask that you read with your child at home at least 5 times a week and encourage you to share books you may already have at home over the weekend. After your child has read, please record the date and a comment in their reading diary.

Homework and Spelling:

Every term Robin Class will be sent home with a homework jigsaw. One jigsaw piece is to be completed each week in your child's homework book and handed in on a Thursday. Spellings to practise at home will be set every week. Robin class will also sit a baseline and end of term spelling test on 10 words. These words are from spelling rules we will be learning throughout the term. Spelling lists will be sent home at the end of the week.

Enquiry:

We will be exploring a range of ideas through enquiry based learning during the school day at Hawkesbury. More information will be shared with you about this new approach as the term progresses. You are able to gain some insight into our Enquiries this term on our Term Overview.

In Robin Class this year, children will be given more opportunities to direct their own learning through continuous provision. This time is known as Discovery Time and will aim to support pupils transitioning from Wren Class as well as offering all children experiences that will consolidate their skills, knowledge and understanding. The classroom has been set up so that there are different areas the children can access and these will be adapted and enhanced to create opportunities for the children to become independent and resilient learners.

Children are introduced to weekly challenges where they can independently apply skills which have previously been taught and are designed to foster and ignite their curiosity. This allows children to demonstrate their understanding which in turn allows me to plan the next steps in the children's learning

journey. The role of the adults in this time is to support and question the children; making observations and pushing the learning on further. There will also be teacher-led focus groups where key learning will take place ensuring the children in Robin class are progressing and learning the necessary skills.

I look forward to getting to know you and your child more over the upcoming term and helping them settle into the routines of Robin Class. If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a meeting.

Kind Regards

Mrs S Wiggins