

Term 1 Robin Class newsletter

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer break. As we embark on a new school year, I wanted to share some important information and routines for Robin Class to help ensure a smooth and successful start.

My name is Miss Shapcott and I wanted to introduce myself as the new teacher for Robin Class. It is a privilege to be working with your children, and I am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and discovery. In Robin Class, we will be exploring a wide range of topics that will challenge the children and help them develop both academically and socially. I am committed to tailoring my teaching to meet the individual needs of each student, ensuring that both Year 1 and Year 2 children are appropriately challenged and supported.

The class will continue to have Mrs Mockford to support the class each morning. I will be out of class each Wednesday. Mrs Gabb and Mrs Tilsley will teach in my absence.

Communication is key to a successful school year, and I am always here to listen and collaborate with you to ensure the best experience for your child. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to getting to know your children and working together with you to make this a successful and enjoyable year.

PE will take place twice a week on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child wears suitable PE kit to school on these days: black or navy shorts, school PE T-shirt, socks and trainers.

Hats, coats and wellies: Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies, a hat and a raincoat available to them at school each day. As the weather is unpredictable, it is useful to have these items so that we are prepared for play times and outdoor learning. Please store wellies on the racks next to the greenhouse. Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that we are able to return any lost items to their rightful owner.

Please also bring a water bottle into school clearly labelled with the child's name.

Snack: Fruit is free for KS1 children and your child will be provided with a piece of fruit every break time. Milk is organised by school milk services, please contact the school office should your child want milk at break time.

Reading: Reading books will be changed once a week on Mondays. Your child will bring home two books each week: - One is a decodable book for your child to read to you. It has been carefully chosen so that they can use their phonics to read all the words. To support your child at home, we ask that your child reads their book three times to increase fluency and comprehension. - The other book will be a sharing book. This book may have words

your child may not be able to read yet. It is for you to read to your child and talk about together. We ask that you read with your child at home at least 5 times a week and encourage you to share books and other reading materials with your child. After your child has read, please record the date and a comment in their reading diary. Please ensure reading books and reading diaries are in school daily as children will be reading with teachers and a number of trained volunteers at school throughout the week.

Homework and Spelling: Homework in Robin Class focuses on supporting the development of key skills that will benefit your child the most in class. The expectations for homework are: - Read 5 times a week. Access the White Rose 1 minute maths at least 3 times a week (<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minutemaths>). This can be downloaded for free on a phone/tablet.

We are introducing a new spelling scheme to our school, for pupils in Years 2 to 6, called Essential Spelling to help improve our delivery of this key element of English. The new scheme enables children to understand how to apply patterns, strategies and knowledge to other words. It also provides links to prior knowledge and tracks back to related objectives taught in previous years. Year 1 will be learning phonics.

To help support learning at home, we will send lists containing five spellings for each rule covered during a term. Please note that some terms may contain more spellings than others.

Recognition Boards: We have a recognition cloud in class where children who consistently show positive behaviours in school are recognised by having their name placed on the cloud. We have a specific focus that children work towards which is linked to the 3 school rules- Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe. To recognise behaviours that are over and above what is expected we will also be sending positive post cards home, children must work really hard to receive these and it is a great way to recognise the positive behaviours consistently shown throughout the school day. We also have class pompoms where the class works together as a team to earn pompoms linked to positive behaviours. There will be class rewards when they fill up the pompom tub.