

Robin Class Newsletter - Term 2 Overview

Hello Robin Class Families,

Thank you for a fantastic first term at Hawkesbury! It's been a pleasure getting to know each of your children, who have been so welcoming and eager to learn. As we head into Term 2, here are some important reminders and updates to help us all get off to a smooth start. I am always available to discuss any questions, concerns, or updates regarding your child's progress and experience in Robin Class. Please feel free to reach out to me via email, see me in the morning or after school, or you can contact the school office to arrange a convenient time to speak. Open communication is important to me, and I'm here to support both you and your child for a positive and successful school year.

Staffing:

Mrs. Mockford will continue supporting the class each morning, and I will be out on Wednesdays, with Mrs. Gabb and Mrs. Tilsley covering the class.

PE Days:

PE will take place every Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child wears appropriate PE attire on these days, including black/navy shorts or jogging bottoms, the school PE T-shirt, socks, and trainers.

Outdoor Essentials:

Please make sure your child brings a hat, raincoat, and wellies to school each day. With unpredictable weather, having these items helps us enjoy outdoor play and learning in all conditions. Wellies should be stored on the racks near the greenhouse. Children playing on the field or woodland walk during breaks should change into their wellies or outdoor shoes to keep classrooms clean.

Labelling Belongings:

It's important that all of your child's belongings (including water bottles) are clearly labelled so we can quickly return any misplaced items to their rightful owners.

Snacks:

Each child in KS1 receives a free piece of fruit every break. If your child would like milk or toast, please contact the school office to arrange this with School Services.

Show and tell:

Show and Tell has been a highlight this term! I encourage all students to participate, as it's a great way to build confidence and improve oracy. We'll continue with Show and Tell in Term 2, but with a few new guidelines:

- Each child may participate once per week.
- Items should be homemade or connected to what we're currently learning in class.
- Items must be placed in the show and tell box at the beginning of the day and they must be left there throughout the day.

Thank you for helping us make Show and Tell a meaningful experience for everyone!

Reading:

- **Decodable Book:** Each Monday, your child will bring home a decodable book tailored to their phonics level. We encourage you to read this book together at least 3 times throughout the week to help with fluency and comprehension. Record each reading session in their reading

diary. Diaries and books should be brought to school daily, as children will read with teachers and trained volunteers regularly.

- **Sharing book:** These will be changed every Monday. A sharing book is a story book to share together.
- **Library Book:** This book will have more vocabulary that your child may need help with, making it ideal for reading together. Library books are changed every Friday.
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Homework and Spelling:

Our focus for Robin Class homework is on strengthening foundational skills that support learning in class. Here are the expectations:

- **Reading:** Five times a week, as outlined above.
- **Maths:** Access the White Rose 1-Minute Maths app at least three times a week. This free app can be downloaded to a phone or tablet. Please see homework book for guidance of what to look at on the app.
- **Spelling:** Each week, we provide a set of spelling words. Practice these by saying, covering, writing, and checking in the homework book. The weekly spelling test will be every Friday. Please also use the homework book for writing sentences using each week's spelling words.

Recognition and Rewards:

In Robin Class, we use a Recognition Cloud to celebrate students who consistently demonstrate positive behaviours in line with our school rules: *Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe*. Exceptional behaviours may also earn positive postcards sent home as special recognition.

The class also works together to earn pompoms as part of a team effort, celebrating successes with class rewards when the pompom tub is filled. We celebrated two class rewards in Term 1, and we look forward to even more in Term 2!

Thank you for your continued support as we move into the new term. I look forward to another wonderful term of learning and growth in Robin Class!

Warm regards,
Miss Shapcott