

Robin Class Newsletter - Term 4 Overview

Hello Robin Class Families,

As we begin Term 4, we are excited to continue our learning journey in Robin Class. To ensure a smooth start, here are some important reminders and updates. I am always available to discuss any questions, concerns, or updates about your child's progress and experience in Robin Class. Please feel free to reach out via email, speak with me in the morning or after school, or contact the school office to arrange a convenient time. Open communication is important to me, and I am here to support both you and your child for a successful and positive school year.

Staffing:

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

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 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:

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 4, with the same 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 five 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.

Some of our Year 2 students have completed reading decodable books and are now free readers! They should continue reading with an adult at home five times a week. Once they finish a book, they are welcome to choose a new one. We encourage children to explore books they enjoy fostering a love of reading. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

- **Sharing book:** Each Monday your child will bring home a sharing book to read 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.

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.

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