

Robin Class Newsletter - Term 6 Overview

Hello Robin Class Families,

Hope you have had a wonderful half term break.

Staffing:

Mrs. Mockford and Mrs. Gabb 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:

As the days get warmer, we also ask that your child wears sun cream and brings a sun hat to school to stay safe and comfortable in the sunshine.

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 6, 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.

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 and logging this 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. Please make sure they bring their book back each week.

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!

Phonics Screening:

Phonics screening check is Monday 9th June.

Changing me:

As part of our PSHE curriculum, Year 1/2 will take part in a *Jigsaw - Changing Me* lesson on Monday 23rd June, which covers age-appropriate learning about growing up and the human body. Children will learn the correct names for body parts using the following words:

- Boy / Male
- Girl / Female
- Penis
- Vagina
- Testicles
- Public
- Private

If you have any questions or would like to see the lesson materials, you are welcome to come in after school on Tuesday 3rd June to speak myself.

Warm regards,
Miss Shapcott