

Robin Class Newsletter - Term 1

Hello Robin Class Families,

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. 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. 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.

Staffing:

Mrs Mockford will continue to support the class each morning. I will be out of class every Thursday morning and on alternate Thursday afternoons. During these times, Mrs Tilsley will teach the class on Thursday mornings, and Mrs Gabb will teach on alternate Thursday afternoons.

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 weather changes, please ensure your child has the right clothing for all conditions. On sunny days, they should come to school with sun cream applied and a sun hat. Every day, please provide a pair of wellies, a raincoat, and a hat, as the weather can be unpredictable. Wellies should be stored on the racks next to the greenhouse. Please label all items so we can return lost belongings to their 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 have some guidelines I would like all children to follow.

- 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:**

Every Monday, your child will bring home a decodable book matched to their phonics level. Please record each time you read it in their reading diary. Remember to send both the diary and books to school every day, as children will have regular reading sessions with teachers and trained volunteers.

Sharing Book:

Your child will also bring home a sharing book each Monday for you to enjoy reading together.

Reading Practice:

We encourage you to read both the decodable book and the sharing book together five times during the week to give your child plenty of valuable reading experiences.

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 so they can choose a new one.

Homework and Spelling:

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

Reading experiences: 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. Term 1 week 1 will begin on the 8th of September.

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 support as we move into the new year.

Kind regards,
Miss Shapcott

