

Robin Class Newsletter - Term 5 Overview

Hello Robin Class Families,

As we head into Term 5, 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. 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:

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:

We will continue with show and tell this term, and I encourage all students to participate, as it's a great way to build confidence and improve oracy. Here are the 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.
- If there are too many show and tell presentations in one day, some children may be asked to present the next day.

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

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:** 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.

Phonics Screening:

Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June this year. The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard. The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words). These results will be reported to you by the end of the summer term. We are making the necessary preparations at school, however, regular reading and reviewing of the sounds at home will also support this process.

Trips

KLB Secondary School are organising a Year 1/2 Multi-skills festival for local primary schools. We look forward to this trip every year.

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