



Welcome to Robin Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to everyone and to the start of year 1

Teaching staff

I will be teaching Robin Class, with the help of Mrs Adil, Miss Smith, Mrs Friend, Mrs Persson, Miss Stanford, and Mrs Freedman, our Teaching Assistants. On a Tuesday afternoon Miss Stanford will be covering my planning and preparation time, with support from Mrs Adil, and Mrs Freedman.

Sport

PE and Games lessons are on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please can the children **come to school in PE kits on their PE days**. We will, inform you in advance of any changes to our PE days.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read to an adult as much as possible and record it in their reading diaries daily. Please comment on your child's reading or any discussions about the text. Shared reading and discussion of the story are very important, because it helps them to gain a better understanding of the text and it also helps to develop their comprehension skills. Please encourage your child to read with expression (once they are reading more fluently), and encourage them to talk about the characters in the story, the setting, and what might happen next. Reading diaries will be checked daily by either myself or a teaching assistant.

Spellings

Each half term the children will be coming home with a list of spellings to learn. They will either have 5 or 8 spellings to learn each week, and these will be clearly labelled with the test dates. The children will be tested each Friday, and their score will be recorded in their reading record. Please help your child to learn their spellings. I will be sending out a list of ideas of how you can help your child to learn their spellings.

Maths

Please help your child with their mental manipulation of numbers to increase their confidence and speed. This could include counting forwards and backwards from a given number, or simple addition and subtraction problems. In Robin Class we will be learning our 2, 5, and 10 times tables. There are lots of games and songs on the internet to help children to practise their times tables. The children can also practise their maths skills on the Mathseeds website. Longin detail will be stuck inside the front cover of their reading record.

Home Learning

Each Tuesday, your child will receive a piece of English or maths homework, **to be returned by the following Monday**. This will also help you to see what we are covering in class, and it will help to embed their learning.

Curriculum

The curriculum overview is available on our class page on the school website.

Equipment

The children only need a book bag or a small rucksack to carry their belongings otherwise the cloakroom gets very crowded! We don't expect them to bring in pencil cases. They will be given a little plastic book bag for their reading book and the key words. Please make sure that they are bringing this into school daily and remember to check it for letters.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year and seeing you at the Welcome Curriculum Meeting in a few weeks. If you have any worries or queries, please do come and talk to me or send me an e-mail.

Best wishes,

Mrs Camilla Allen

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