



Welcome to Robin Class

Dear Parents and Carers.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Year 1!

Teaching staff

I will be teaching Robin Class, with the support of Mr Lucas, Monday - Friday, our Teaching Assistant. On a Tuesday morning, I will be covered for my planning and preparation time. During this time Mrs Dalglish will teach the class and Mr Lucas will continue to support the children.

PE

PE and Games lessons are on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please can your child come to school in named [PE kits](#) ready for their PE session on these days. Plain black hoodies should be worn please. We will inform you in advance of any changes to our PE days.

Reading and Phonics

Please do encourage your child to read as much as possible and record it in their reading diaries. Phonics is taught every day in class and their home reading books will support the sounds the children are learning in class. Please comment on your child's reading or any discussions you may have about the text. Shared reading and discussion of the story are very important as it will help your child to gain a better understanding of the text, and it also supports the development of their comprehension skills. Please encourage your child to read with expression (once they are reading more fluently) and encourage them to talk about what they have read, discussing the characters and where the story is set. Please also give your child the opportunity to share what they think may happen next. Reading diaries will be checked daily by either myself or a teaching assistant.

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 to count in 2, 5, and 10s and our number bonds to 10 and 20. There are lots of games and songs accessible on the internet to support your child to practise their Maths skills.

Homework

Each Tuesday, your child will receive a piece of Phonics and Maths homework, to be returned by the following Monday. This will give you an insight as to what we are covering in class, and it will help to embed their learning.

Equipment

Your child needs a book bag or a small rucksack to carry their belongings into school each day. Your child does not require a pencil case as resources are available in school for your child to use. Their reading book will be in a small plastic wallet along with 'key words'. Please ensure that this is brought into school every day. Any letters sent home will be placed in your child's bag, please do check your child's bag regularly.

Welcome Meeting

Parents are invited to our Welcome Meeting on Monday 22nd September at 4.30pm. This will be a chance to hear more about the curriculum and the learning focus for the year. Parents will be able to join the meeting in-person in the classroom, or can join via TEAMS. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer supervision for children during the meeting time, so joining on TEAMS may be an option if there are any problems with childcare.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or queries, please feel free to come and talk to me or email me year1@tatsfieldtl.co.uk.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ford

Year 1 (Robins) Class Teacher