



## 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 Mrs Persson on Mondays and Mrs Freedman Tuesday - Friday, our Teaching Assistants. On a Wednesday morning, I will be covered for my planning and preparation time. During this time Mrs Russell will teach the class and Mrs Freedman will continue to support the children.

### **PE**

PE and Games lessons are on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please can your child come to school in [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 will 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. There are lots of games and songs accessible on the internet to support your child to practise their Maths skills.

### **Home Learning**

Each Tuesday, your child will receive a piece of English or 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.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year and seeing you at the Welcome Curriculum Meeting in a few weeks (the date will be confirmed with parents in the next newsletter).

If you have any worries or queries, please feel free to come and talk to me.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Ford**

Year 1 (Robins) Class Teacher