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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Robins Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back everyone to the new school year and to all the children in Robins class. We would like to welcome the newest members and their families to our class: Maisie, Arthur, Etholle, Molly, Caitlyn, Sienna, Adelaide and Lylah. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the new school year. Please find below some information about this half term.

Curriculum Learning:

English: This half-term we will be reading and writing adventure stories, creating our own information texts and learning how to make our own rhyming poems. In our grammar lessons we will be focusing on punctuating sentences using capital letters and full stops as well as using commas in lists. The year 3 pupils will also be exploring nouns and pronouns and recognizing when to use 'a' and 'an' before a noun.

Maths: We will be focusing and building upon our number skills in our place value unit as well as developing our skills in addition and subtraction using a mastery approach.

Science: We will be exploring 'The Material World' learning about the uses of materials, sorting and comparing materials and investigating how materials can change through a range of fun and engaging experiments.

Topic Units: This half-term we will be learning about History and Design and Technology. In History we will be learning about the local history of St Edmund. In Design and Technology we will be using our textiles skills to design and create our own bookmarks!



P.E/Forest Schools:

In Robins we are looking forward to our weekly gymnastics lessons with our specialised Gymnastics teacher on **Wednesdays**. So can I please request that your child brings to school their PE kit, this should include: a white t shirt, shorts, socks and trainers. Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

Active lunchtime club will be on a **Tuesday and Thursday** for Robins class. Please ensure your child has trainers in school on these days.

Forest Schools will be on **Wednesday afternoons**. Please ensure your child brings in the appropriate clothing, as described in the previous letter sent out by Mrs Lloyd.



Homework:

Reading: All pupils need to be reading at home every day. This will help your child improve their fluency in reading and improve their understanding of the books they read which is essential in all areas of learning. Please do record when they have read in their reading diary making any relevant comments.

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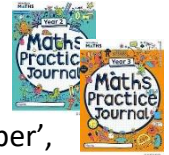
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This year we have a new whole school reading challenge with a transport theme. The children will shortly be bringing home their new bookmark for this challenge so please do initial it every time you hear your child read.

Spellings: On Mondays, spellings are sent home in your child's reading diary, and they will be tested on Fridays. Please do help your child to practice reading and writing their spellings at home. Each week the spellings will have a particular spelling sound or pattern focus.

Maths homework: This term the children will have a weekly maths activity to complete in our brand new 'Maths Practice Journal'. These activities will relate to the learning taking place in school. Each week the children will need to complete three activities: 'Let's Remember', 'Let's Practice' and finally a fun 'Real World Maths' activity. We do ask that the children complete 1 activity each week. Homework will be sent home on a **Friday** to be returned the following **Thursday**.



Book bags, Water bottles and Coats: In Robins we encourage year 2 pupils to bring their belongings into school using a named book bag. As the children progress into Year 3 they have the choice to bring their belongings in a book bag or a rucksack (this begins to develop more independence for the pupils). Please ensure **everything** is named!

We ask all children to bring to school on a Monday a clean water bottle. We will send the water bottles home every Friday to ensure they are cleaned thoroughly. The weather is very changeable at the moment so if you could please ensure your child has a sunhat and a waterproof jacket that should cover every eventuality!



News: We are hoping to arrange our first school trip of the year this half-term linked to our history topic of St Edmund. Please look out for further information regarding this shortly.

Class Welcome to Parents

Class teachers are delighted to welcome parents into their pupil's classrooms on Tuesday 19th September. They will be sharing the routines, expectations and exciting learning experiences for the year ahead. The Parent's welcome in Larks and Robins will take place from 2.40-3.00pm. The Parent's welcome in Owls and Swans will take place from 3.00-3.20pm. Pupils will be dismissed as usual.

Can we finally take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in the coming term, it is very much appreciated.

Best wishes

Miss Tyler & Mrs Milner
Robins Team