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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Autumn Term 2021 Robins Class Newsletter**

In Robins we have had a great start to the new school year. The children are becoming familiar with their new class and have made an excellent start to learning about their new routines. As we now begin to settle into the first full week, we felt this would be a good time to share with you some helpful information.

#### **Curriculum Learning**

We are looking forward to all the exciting topics we have planned for the Autumn term and we are sure your child will enjoy the exciting learning ahead of them.

In English we will be developing our reading and writing skills through Fantasy Stories, Information texts and Poems from around the World. In Maths we will explore number and place value before developing our addition and subtraction skills and continue to improve our problem-solving skills! Our topic for this half-term is 'Explorers'. Within History, we will be learning about famous explorers from the past and the places they visited and comparing these with events today. Our topic this term in Science is 'Light and Shadows' the children will be exploring this topic through a variety of fun and creative experiments, whilst exploring the world around them!

#### **Homework**

It is expected that all pupils continue to practise their reading at home daily, please do record when they have read in their reading diary making any relevant comments.

Starting next Monday (13<sup>th</sup> Sept), spellings will be sent home in your child's reading diary every Monday and they will be tested on these every Friday. Please help your child to practice their spellings at home.

Finally, we will send home a short practical or written homework task on a Friday to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. We encourage mums, dads, and carers to work with your child to help them complete their home learning. The first homework task will begin on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **P.E. Days**

As Ms Wallis requested in a previous letter, please send your child to school with PE kits on a Monday and they will be sent home for washing on a Friday.

P.E. kits should include: a t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers/plimsolls. Please do ensure all clothing is clearly labelled so we can ensure any missing clothes are returned to the correct families.

For your information, P.E. lessons will be on a Monday and Wednesday. Robins children will also take part in a lunchtime PE club on a Tuesday and Thursday.

#### **Book bags and Water bottles**

Just a reminder we encourage children to bring their belongings into school using a named book bag rather than a rucksack, unfortunately we have little storage space for these. If you do not have a book bag these are available to purchase through the school office.

We ask all children to bring to school on a Monday a clean water bottle, which we will send home every Friday to ensure they are cleaned thoroughly. Thank you for your assistance with this.

#### **WANTED: Reading Volunteers**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted we are currently looking for reading volunteers in Robin Class. If you have an interest in reading and working with children and can dedicate a couple of hours each week, please do get in contact!

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