

# Benwick Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Robins Class – Outdoor Maths Research Project**

I am currently studying at The University of Bedfordshire for a degree in Applied Early Years Studies. As part of my final year, I am planning to carry out a research project in Robins Class from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (the first half of the Spring Term). The purpose of the research is to investigate how the children will use resources, which they can self-select from our new maths shed, for developing their mathematical skills. The maths shed will be in our outdoor area and will be filled with natural resources which will link with our forest school sessions. The research will help us to consider the way children can benefit from outdoor learning in maths and from initiating their own activities.

During the research period I will be making observations of how the children use the resources and assessing how their mathematical skills develop. This will be very similar to the observations we make on a daily basis as part of our normal practice. When collecting evidence, I will keep your child's identity completely confidential and no photographs of children will be used. In my research report the identity of the pupils, staff and school will be anonymous.

If you are happy for your child to be included in the research project you do not need to take any further action, however, if you would prefer that your child is not included please complete the slip below and return it to school, preferably by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017. You also have the right to withdraw your child from the research at any time during the research period. Please speak to me directly or contact the school office if you wish to do this at any point.

It is also important that the children understand their role in the research project and that they have the right to withdraw at any time. This will be done through a circle time activity at the start of the Spring Term, with reminders given prior to observations being made.

All children in Robins class will have equal access to the resources regardless of their inclusion in the research. Once the project has been completed the maths shed will remain in the outdoor area for the children to use.

If you would like any further information about the project, or to see some photographs of the type of resources which will be used, I would be happy to discuss it with you. You can find me in Robins class on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays or I can be contacted via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Miss L Dolby  
Teaching Assistant  
Robins Class



**Please complete the form below and return it to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 if you DO NOT WISH your child to be included in the research project.**

Name of Child.....

I **DO NOT** wish my child to be included in the research project for outdoor maths in Spring 2017.

Signed.....

Please print name clearly.....