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Robins Class Spring Term 1 letter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term in Robins Class. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to the new term and year ahead.

Our topic this term is 'Space Explorers,' where we will be looking at people who have been pioneering at space exploration. Please see our topic grid for more information of the areas of the curriculum that we will be covering. In Early Years, we also respond to and adapt learning opportunities based upon children's interests and fascinations and we will enhance our curriculum with these. In Robins Class we will also be spending time on Adventure Island; Adventure Island is the land of make believe, where characters and stories come to life. Through play, the children develop their language, creative, mathematical, and problem solving skills. Adventure Island is also a lot of fun! Please look at the Parent guide, which will give you further information on how Adventure Island can supported and extended at home.

Reading Homework

Our homework expectations in Robins Class are that children read for 10-15 minutes, daily. Children in Reception, who are still learning to read, we suggest that you ask them comprehension questions of books you read to them and ask your child to read short, 3 letter words as their skill and confidence increase.

Spelling Homework

Year 1 children also have weekly spellings to learn, these will be tested on a Friday. These spellings will be comprised of 5 words from the phonic focus that week and 5 high frequency or 'tricky' words. Please see the spelling overview, which details the words to learn each week.

Year R will be sent home a sheet each week with the sounds/words that we will be covering in class the following week. It details a list of games and activities you can do to support your child in learning to blend the sounds into reading words and how to spell the words.

Maths Homework

All children in Robins Class have a log in for Numbots. This computer game helps children reinforce number awareness and number facts. For homework, we ask that children play this, or any other number game to support their understanding and quick recall of number facts.

Whole School Homework

Please look out for the whole school topic homework that will be sent to you shortly.

Reading books:

We will continue to change books on a **Wednesday**. Children will take home 3 books - from our class book nook and a levelled book. Year 1 children will also take home an additional levelled book, linked to the reading we have done in class. Your child should keep the books for a week, as it is important that children reread stories to build up fluency and comprehension. We will be having sessions in our new school Library on a Wednesday and your child can take a book from there home too - this book they can keep for 2 weeks if they wish.

PE:

We will continue to have PE on a **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their named PE kit in school. They will need black shorts, a white T-shirt, jogging bottoms/top, and trainers. We will be outside for PE where possible, we also change for PE before lunch and it is too cold for children to be in just shorts and t-shirt for these outdoor sessions, so warm jogging bottoms are essential. Please make sure that earrings are removed on PE days and that long hair is tied up. If your child wears tights to school it is also helpful if they have a spare pair of socks they can change into for PE.

Warm Uniform

For everyone to be safe at school and to minimise the risk of Covid spreading we have doors and windows open in the classroom however, this can reduce the temperature in the classroom. We encourage children to wear layers of clothing to keep them warm and comfortable.

Refreshments and Snacks

We encourage children to stay hydrated throughout the day by regularly drinking water; please ensure that your child's water bottle is clearly named. Children who are 4 years old will also receive a daily glass of milk. If children in Y1 and Reception children who are five still wish to have milk, you can order this via <https://www.coolmilk.com/>. All children in Robins class are provided with a fruit or vegetable snack daily, children may also bring in their own healthy snack from home too.

We are all really looking forward another exciting term. If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to myself or any of the Robins Team. - please catch us on the playground before the whistle goes, or contact us via Class Dojo.

Best wishes for a wonderful term

Miss MacLeod & The Robins Team

