



# Benwick Primary School

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## Robins Class Summer Term 1 letter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term in Robins Class. We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to the new term ahead.

Our topic this term is 'Dinosaur Stomp,' where we will be looking at the work of Mary Anning and how she discovered dinosaur fossils. This will then lead onto the work of David Attenborough and looking at the different types of animals there are. 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 continue to enhance our curriculum with these. Reception children will also be starting to do some more guided and formal learning in preparation for their transition into Year 1.

### 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

Children also have weekly spellings to learn, these will be tested on a Friday. These spellings will be comprised of words of the phonic focus from the previous week and some high frequency or 'tricky' words. Please see the spelling overview, which details the words to learn each week. We will also send home weekly practice sheets and details of their spelling scores. For some children reading the sounds and words will be assessed instead of writing 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 such as White Rose Maths 1 minute Maths app, or snakes and ladders/snap, to support their understanding and quick recall of number facts. Year 1 children can also use their Numbots login to access Times Tables Rock stars.

### Whole School Homework

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

### Reading books:

This term we will be changing reading books on a **Thursday**. Children will take home books from our class book nook and levelled books. Children will also take home an

additional levelled book, linked to the reading we have done in class, these will be sent home as and when child has read the books 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. Children will also continue to be able to take books out from our school library, these books can be kept 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. 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.

### School Uniform

We have a large amount of unnamed lost property in our classroom, mainly cardigans and jumpers but other clothing too. Please can you check that all uniforms are named, especially as children move into summer dresses and shorts or bigger sized clothing.

### Warmer weather

As the weather becomes warmer we recommend that children bring a named sunhat and water bottle to school.

### Refreshments and Snacks

Part of our learning this term includes dental health and children will have their own tooth brush at school to brush their teeth after lunch. Part of this learning looks at not drinking sweet and sugary drinks during the day, so we request that drinks bottles contain just water. If children wish to drink diluted squash with their lunch then they can do so. Water jugs will also be available in class for children to access. Children who are 4 years old are entitled to a daily glass of milk. If children who are older than five 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

