

Monday 11th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term

We have already enjoyed a busy first week and the children have settled back into school routines as they get to know their new classmates. We have lots of activities planned for the Autumn Term – please see the attached Curriculum Overview outlining the themes we will be covering in each area of learning.

In Robins, the children will be taught by Mrs Deeks and Miss Wright supported by Mrs Cleaver every morning and Mrs Mutlow or Mrs Langford in the afternoons. On Wednesday afternoons the children will be taught by Mrs Babbage or have their Forest School session with Karen and Mrs Lafford.

We encourage parents to support their child's learning at home as it can really help children to embed their learning, but understand that children are often busy or tired after school.

* Please see the attached 'Key Instant Recall Facts'. Please help your child to practise learning and recalling these mathematical facts on a regular basis.

* Every Monday the children will be bringing home a set of spellings to learn throughout the week and this book should be sent back into school on Friday. The children will also be bringing home a Home Library Book to share. Please read the story to share and then write a review together in their red 'Home Library Review' book. These need to be sent back into school on Friday.

* Mrs Taylor will be sending home a letter describing how reading expectations are changing within the school. Every Thursday your child will be bringing home a reading book they have been learning to read with fluency and expression in school. Please listen to your child read this book and write a comment in their reading book. This book needs to be brought back into school on Monday.

* Activities which help the children to reinforce the English and Mathematics skills they have been learning throughout the week will also be set on Seesaw on a Friday. All families who have given their consent for their child to use Seesaw will be given a new personalised passcode and a letter explaining how to access the activities. Families who have not given consent will be given paper copies of their activities for their child to complete at home. Homework should be completed by the following Wednesday.

During the Autumn Term the children will be having PE sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, but it is important that they have their P.E. kit in school every day. The P.E. kit should consist of:

* **Short sleeved T – shirt** – plain white

* **Shorts** – plain black or navy

* **Tracksuit bottoms** – plain navy (for outdoor P.E.)

* **Jumper / fleece** – plain navy (for outdoor P.E.)

* **Socks** – white

* **Black P.E. pumps** - suitable for physical activity inside and outside

Small stud pierced earrings can be worn but must be removed by the child or covered for all P.E. lessons.

Please ensure that every day your child brings a coat (preferably with a hood) to school and that they wear sensible black shoes as the weather is so unpredictable. You may also like your child to have a spare pair of pants and socks in their bag just in case they have a toileting accident. If your child is sent home in the class spare clothes, please ensure that these are washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Each child has a cup and access to drinking water throughout the day but you may also like to send in a bottle filled with water.

The children can come to school dressed in their Forest School clothes for their session every other Wednesday. Their next session will be on **Wednesday 20th September**. Just a reminder that the children should come to school wearing trousers and a long sleeved top and/or jumper with a pair of wellies to change into and a waterproof coat and trousers or an all-in-one waterproof suit. As the weather gets colder they will also need to bring a hat, gloves and thicker socks.

We will be encouraging the children to be responsible for all of their belongings so please help them by ensuring that **all belongings** – each piece of uniform, school bags, Forest School kit, P.E. kit items, lunchbox and water bottles etc. are **clearly named** so that they can be quickly reunited with your child.

If your child is unwell then please phone the school office before 9.30am to inform us of their absence. If they have sickness or diarrhoea they must be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school. Please remember to regularly check your child's hair for headlice and treat if necessary. If your child has longer hair please ensure it is tied up and this is particularly important on PE days.

We would like to invite families of Robins to join us at school for Celebration Worship in the hall on **Friday 27th October at 2.30pm**.

If your child is being collected by someone different from normal, then please tell us in the morning or telephone the school office to let us know.

Please speak to us in the morning or at the end of the school day if you have any concerns, queries or if there is any change that may affect your child through the day e.g. unsettled sleep, change in family situations etc.

Kind Regards,

Miss Wright and Mrs Deeks

