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Robins Spring Term letter 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the break. We are all really looking forward to the term ahead and watching your children continue to grow and learn. We have planned lots of exciting activities and more cooking opportunities!!

Ensuring the children feel happy and confident is really important to us all at Benwick and PSHE will remain high on our list of priorities. This term we will be looking at traditional tales and stories from around the world providing lots of opportunities for acting out stories and singing rhymes.

A little reminder! Please help your child by ensuring they have all the things they need each day, including correct uniform and a water bottle, all of which should be clearly named. Children should not bring in toys or balls etc from home.

Snacks:

We have a sit-down snack session that is just over an hour before lunch time. We provide a fruit or vegetable snack and we try and vary the snacks that are given out, on a Wednesday we go to the Community fridge. If your child wants to bring in their own snack these should be healthy e.g., fruit, vegetables, cheese, crackers, yoghurt or a plain cereal bar. Chocolate bars, biscuits, cakes, crisps, etc are not allowed. Please make sure these are a suitable size and that can be eaten within 10mins or sealed back up. Please remember we are a nut free school due to children with serious allergies.

Reading book arrangements: Your child will be given three books in total each week. A Read Write Inc 'book bag book' and a RWI phonics book that they have studied in class. Please don't worry if your child brings home a book they have already read, we are working towards your child recognising words without them sounding out. These two books will be changed every Friday.

Children will also have access to our library they can choose another reading for pleasure book, this will be scanned out on our library system. It is important that these



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books are returned and scanned back into the library every Wednesday. Any outstanding loans of books will be followed up by letter.

Members of staff will hear your child read on an individual basis weekly so please ensure your child has all of the books with them every day. Please write in your child's reading diary when you hear them at home, staff will also write in them when we have heard them read.

PE arrangements:

Our class PE/Games session is on Wednesday.

Please make sure children have their named PE kit in school all week – this should be a white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings, with tracksuit bottoms in cooler weather and trainers. Football strips and multi-coloured t-shirts and shorts are not allowed, thank you.

Homework expectations:

Our basic homework expectations for children are:

Reading at least 3 times a week - minimum of 5 minutes – please record when you have heard them read in their reading record

Oral counting, chanting works best, so the children have rapid recall of these facts which greatly improves their ability to access mathematics across the curriculum.

In the early years children learn best when doing something, so ask them to sort socks into pairs, to set the table or to count out food items when out shopping. Look for numbers on doors or car number plates talk about letters that you see in the environment.

Don't forget Numbots, we have a class chart showing the children's progress and they are very competitive when they see someone moving up!

Contacting us:

We value a close relationship with parents and carers, so if you have anything to share with us, including worries or concerns, please do get in touch. We are available in the mornings on the playground before the gate closes, on the playground at home time, via dojo messaging or email (please email the school office office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk).

Best wishes for a wonderful term,

Mrs Edmond & Robins Team