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Robins Summer Term letter 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow where has this year gone!!! We are now into our final term!!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the break. We are all really looking forward to this final term and have some surprises in store for the children!!

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 fiction books and non-fiction books based around life cycles, growing plants and the changing world around us. This will provide us with lots of opportunities to observe insects and plants as well as retelling some great stories.

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. Also, fingers crossed, the weather will improve so your child will need a sun hat as they will be using the outside space daily. With the improving weather we will be looking at including some extra PE lessons, so it would be great if your child could bring a PE kit on Mondays and we will send it home again on a Friday. Children should not bring in toys or balls etc from home.

Snacks:

Breaktime snacks are encouraged, these should be healthy e.g. fruit or plain cereal bars. Chocolate bars, biscuits, cakes, crisps, peppermints etc are not allowed. Please remember we are a nut free school due to children with serious allergies.

Reading book arrangements: From next term your child will be bringing home the book that they have been reading in class. We would like them to be able to read this book with very little sounding out and with some expression. They will also have another book which is linked to the level they have been assessed at, they will not have read this book so expect some sounding out. To encourage the love of reading your child will have the opportunity to visit our library and bring home a book of their choice. This book may be above their reading level so it is for you to share with them. Encourage your



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child to look at the pictures and tell you what they think may be happening. Please be assured we are hearing your child read on a daily basis during our phonics sessions, this will not be recorded in your child's record, however, if you could continue to write in their records it gives us an idea as to how you think they are coming on. Books will be changed and monitored regularly by staff, so please ensure your child has all of the books with them every day. All books will be changed on a Friday. Any outstanding books will be followed up by letter.

PE arrangements:

Our class PE/Games session is on Friday.

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:

Daily reading - 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.

Children need to be recognising numbers first to 10 and then to 20. They should also be able to recall number doubles eg. $2+2=4$, $3+3=6$ etc and a few number bonds to 10 eg. $4+6=10$, $8+2=10$ etc.

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 whistle, on the playground at home time, via dojo messaging or email (please email the school on office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk).

Best wishes for a wonderful term,

Mrs Edmond & Robins Team