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## Robins Autumn Term letter 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Robins Class. We hope summer was great and that your children are excited to be starting school. We are all really looking forward to the term ahead and getting to know your children. We have planned lots of exciting activities.

This term we hope to be off to a flying start with learning, however we will settle all the children in, establish relationship, routines, rules and behaviour expectations. Ensuring the children feel happy and confident is really important to us all at Benwick and PSHE is high on our list of priorities.

Please help your child make the best start to the new school year 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:**

Your child will be provided with fruit at snack time, however if your child will not eat fruit you can send in a healthy snack e.g. crackers 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:** To begin with your child will not bring home a book to read themselves. We will be starting the teaching of phonics straight away and feel it is only fair that we teach your child letter sounds that will enable them to segment and blend words, before we expect them to read a book. When we do give out reading books, your child will be given 2 books each week these will be in line with our phonics scheme. Books will be changed and monitored regularly by staff and your child will have a reading diary for you to write in when you have heard them read at home. From the beginning your child will have access to the library where their choices will be scanned out so that they can borrow beautiful books to share with you at home. It is important that these books are returned and scanned back into the library. Any outstanding books will be followed up by letter.



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## **PE arrangements:**

Our class PE/Games session is on Wednesday. The children will also have a bikes and trikes session and large equipment session to improve their balance and gross motor skills throughout the week.

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.

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.

## **Magic Moments.**

This year I would like to create a display of achievements your child makes at home.

This could be riding a bike for the first time, getting dressed by themselves, matching socks etc. I will send home some stars for you to write on or you can send photos via dojo. These stars will be celebrated within the classroom.

## **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 office [office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@benwick.cambs.sch.uk)).

Best wishes for a wonderful term,

Mrs Edmond & Robins Team