

Benwick Primary School

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Robins Spring Term letter 2023

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:

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: Your child started to bring home 3 books last term. A single word book and a 'ditty' book for your child to read and a library book for you to share and develop the love of reading. 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 every word. We will be continuing with daily phonics lessons which will help with the recognition of words. Books will be changed and monitored regularly by staff, so please ensure your child has all of the books with them every day. Members of staff will hear your child read on an individual basis weekly. 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. All books will be changed on a Friday. Any outstanding books will be followed up by letter.



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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. 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.

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

Best wishes for a wonderful term,

Mrs Edmond & Robins Team