

The Focus of our First Term.

This term we will be settling into school, developing our listening skills and learning about our school routines.

We will be making new friends and getting better and better at taking turns and listening to each other.

We will be sharing our feelings and talking about our likes and dislikes confidently.

We will be coming up with ideas for our learning journey next term, based on our interests!

We will also be taking part in Harvest Festival on the 24th of September.

We will also be learning about our school values, starting with *Generosity*.

We will be sharing stories about starting school and discussing our feelings linked to the story of *The Colour Monster*.

PE

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school with all items clearly named. The children will be having PE on a Monday afternoon. This term we will be exploring moving in different ways, learning about our bodies, naming our different body parts and talking about the effects of exercise. We will be talking about keeping healthy and practising dressing and undressing independently for PE. We will also be working on developing our fine motor skills, using tools such as scissors and paintbrushes effectively and developing our letter formation.

Robins' Class

Term 1



Starting Reading and Phonics

We will soon be beginning to learn our phonic sounds. We will be focussing on a sound each day and these will come home in a small yellow phonics book. Please look at this book with your child and talk about the sounds they have been learning in school. Maybe you could go on a sound hunt to find things that start with the day's sound or you could look for the sound in your favourite storybooks?

Shortly after beginning phonics, we also start to send reading books home. Please share these with your child, help them to identify the letters and words they know and talk about the story. When you have read a book, please ensure that you write a comment in their yellow Reading Record book so we know to change it. Books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday.

Your child is also welcome to borrow a sharing book from our reading corner. These can be swapped daily.

Things to Remember:

- Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named, it is much easier to ensure it gets back to you that way!
- If your child will be eating school dinners please familiarise yourself with our school menu and make your orders online through Parent Pay, this can be done in advance but needs to be completed by 8.30 am if ordered on the day.
- Please send your child's book bag into school with them every day. Although they are not yet bringing books or homework home, we do still use them for sending information to you.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in class with them.
- At snack time, the children receive free fruit. We will also be providing milk free of charge to children up until the end of the term in which they turn five. If you would like your child to continue receiving milk after this then please speak to Miss Hawkrige to arrange payment.
- Most importantly, if you have any questions, problems or concerns please talk to Miss Hawkrige, Mrs Spencer or Miss Smith. We are always here to help!