

Thursday ^{21st} September

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Term the Robin Class topic is 'Our Country'. We will be looking at local Geography and History, British Geography and History, British values, British traditions and the similarities and differences to other countries. If your child would like to bring in things which link with our topic to show the class we will do this on a Wednesday during our topic afternoon. These could be books, photographs, postcards etc.

I would like to make the most of our fantastic area surrounding the school and want to take the children on regular welly walks starting after October half term. Welly walks are important and help the children with all aspects of their learning. They are a fantastic way for children to learn about the outdoors, use their listening and attention skills, physical skills and also for writing, mathematical and scientific skills. There is a permission slip attached that I would like you to sign and hand in to the office to allow your child to take part in these walks. If you would like to help on our welly walks please show your interest on the form and we will try and cater for you all. I will send out another letter before half term outlining the plans for the walks so you can put the dates in your diary and make sure you send your child to school in appropriate clothing.

Reception Parents:

Please make sure that you have given me your tapestry letters and information so I can set up your account. Once your account is set up please log in regularly to see what your child is doing and also upload anything that you are doing at home, I love to see what the children do outside of school. If you need any more information or help please come and see me and I will help you. The reception children will be doing PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school for these days. I also ask that you dress them in appropriate school uniform on these days, for example if they struggle with buttons please use a polo top not a shirt or blouse so they can be as independent as possible.

Year 1 Parents:

The children will be given weekly phonics homework and spellings to help them with their learning. It is really important that you help your child, where necessary, to complete their homework and learn their spellings. Their phonics homework will be handed out on Wednesdays and will be due in on Mondays. Spellings will be tested and new spellings given on Wednesdays. I will not be specifically setting mathematics homework, however, there are several things you can be doing with your child at home to support their mathematics work in school such as: recognising numbers to 100, counting forwards and backwards from any number, and practicing number bonds to 10 and 20. If there is anything you are unsure of please come and see me and I will help.

The children in year 1 will have PE twice on Fridays. Once as a class and once with the Red Deer class. I understand this may be a lot in one day, however this is how it best fits into the timetable. I will monitor this and adjust accordingly if I think it is not working.

I look forward to a fantastic year with your children.

Kind Regards

Miss Christopher

Robin Class Welly Walks

I _____ do/do not give permission for my child _____
to take part in welly walks this academic year.

I would/would not like to help with the welly walks.

Days/ dates I can help out with welly walks are:

Signed : _____

Dated: _____