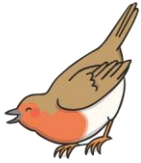


Robin Class

2021-2022



Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome to our new school year and your new year group!

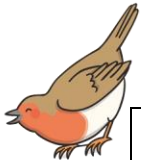


This letter is to give you information about the arrangements for Robin class this year.

As always, if you have any questions please get in touch. The easiest way is by email to the school office, or if it is urgent, to call the school office.

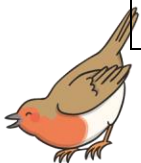
Many thanks

Hayley Whitaker and Sharon Hamer



Staffing

Year 1	Year 2
Mrs Hamer will teach Year 1 every morning. In an afternoon, Year 1 will join Year 2, and be taught by the Year 2 staff. Once a week, Miss Taylor will teach Year 1 in a morning to cover PPA time. Year 1 will be taught in the back half of the classroom in a morning, and will be able to access the whole classroom in an afternoon. Mrs Donald will be our teaching assistant.	Mrs Whitaker will teach Year 2 Monday – Thursday. Miss Taylor will teach year 2 on a Friday. Mrs Ingram will teach the class on a Tuesday afternoon to cover PPA time. Year 2 will be taught in the front half of the classroom in a morning, and will be able to access the whole classroom in an afternoon alongside Year 1. Mrs Donald will be our teaching assistant.

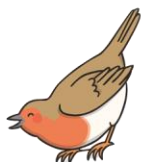
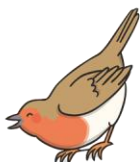
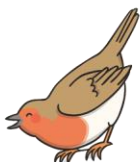


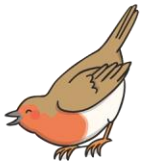
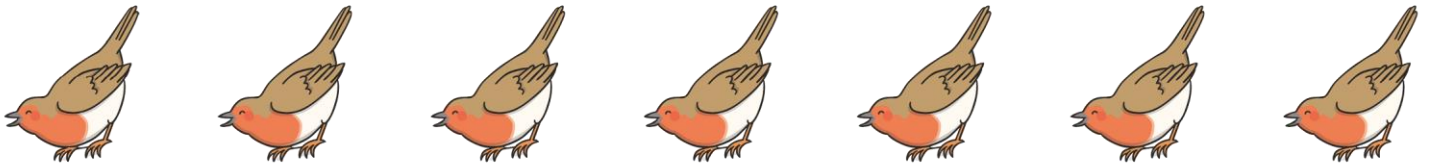
Reading Books in Robin Class



We are changing the way we do home reading this year, in line with current DfE guidance on early reading. Children will be given a phonetically decodable reading book to practice at home which allows them to practice the phonics phases they are currently working on in school. Children will also be given a non-decodable book to share with an adult at home. Children will be encouraged to re-read these books, to allow them to practice blending the letters to decode words, and become more fluent. The aim is not to move through the books quickly, but to practice the skill. Previous book bands will not necessarily be relevant, as the books will follow the phonics we are teaching in school rather than a banded system. Further information about reading will be shared in due course. This is a new system for us, so please

twinkl.com





bear with us if there are teething problems. Please ensure that reading books and reading records come to school everyday in your child's book bag.



PE (Friday)



PE will take place on Friday afternoon. The children will need a full PE kit in a PE bag. This should remain at school, and will be sent home at the end of half term to be washed. The children will need; purple PE T-shirt, black shorts/skort (not skirt), trainers and socks. We will try to be outside for PE as much as possible, so if children have a school hoody please include that. Otherwise they can wear their school jumper/cardigan for PE. All PE kit can be purchased via the school website. <https://arkholme.lancs.sch.uk/school-uniform/> Please ensure all items are named.



Forest Schools (Tuesday)



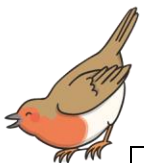
We are very lucky to have Mrs Ingram teaching in Robin class this year, and she will be doing forest schools with the children. **From next week (Tuesday 7th Sept), children will need to come to school wearing forest schools kit.** This does not need to be anything new – old leggings/joggers, a warm jumper, waterproof trousers and coat, and hat/gloves. Children should bring boots or wellies in a carrier bag to change into for forest schools. **Please ensure all items are named.**



Google Classroom



While Google Classroom was initially set up to support you with home learning, it has proven to be an excellent way to communicate with you about the learning that is happening at school. We would like to continue to use Google Classroom to share with you what we are doing in school, so you can support your child at home. We would also like to use it for homework, and to sign post you to things you can do at home. If you have any difficulties accessing google classroom at home please let us know. Invites and codes for google classroom can be found below. Please join your year group's classroom.



Year 1 Google Classroom Link

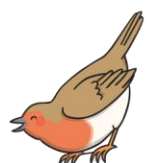
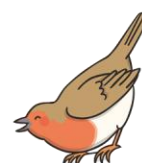
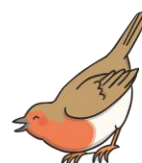
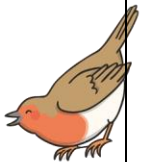
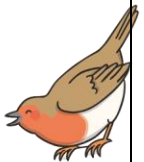
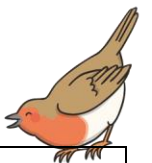
<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzgyMDkxNjAyNTkw?cjc=5cbulgz>

Invite Code: 5cbulgz

Year 2 Google Classroom Link

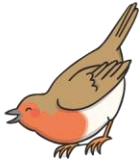
<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzgyMDkxNjAyNjA3?cjc=63iwb5q>

Invite Code: 63iwb5q





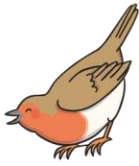
Curriculum



Information about our curriculum can be found on the school website. On the Robin Class page you will find information about the yearly overview as well as knowledge organisers which detail the knowledge that children will learn within each topic.



- Yearly curriculum overview for 2021-2022
- Knowledge organiser for Autumn 1 Term – Our topic is Pirates!
- Knowledge organisers for science – We are learning about materials.
- A copy of this welcome letter.



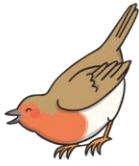
Other



- Children **MUST** have a named drinks bottle every day. Bottles should only contain water.
- Children can bring a snack, but please no nuts, crisps, sweets, chocolate, cakes, or biscuits. We are a nut free school. Fruit, cheese, and other healthy snacks are ideal. Children are offered fruit every day at break time.
- Children should not bring toys in from home unless for a specific occasion e.g. as part of a topic lesson.
- Children should bring a coat to school everyday. We go outside in all weathers! **Please make sure all uniform, coats and shoes are named.**

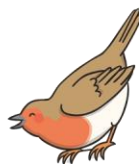
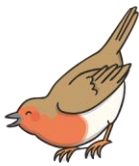
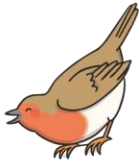


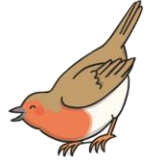
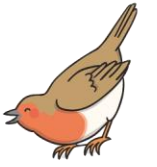
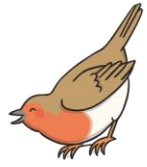
Dates for your diary



Friday 10th September: Dress like a pirate day! Please come to school in your best pirate fancy dress!

DATE TBC: Meet the Teacher.





twinkl.com

