



ST PAUL'S C of E COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1 Robins! I hope you had a lovely summer and are looking forward to this academic year. We are committed to creating a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child feels safe, valued and supported. We are very lucky to have Mrs Dobey supporting Year 1 this year.

Please ensure that your child brings in a water bottle, packed lunch (if they are not having a hot lunch) and weather appropriate clothing daily.

Reading books will be brought in once a week to be changed. Information regarding which day of the week to bring in their book, will be on Class Dojo shortly.

Reading at home is of the utmost importance. We hope you will be able to listen to your child read daily. Please ensure that you ask your child lots of questions about their books, ensuring that they have understood what they have read, as well as practising their decoding skills.

Drop off and collecting

Please drop your child off at one of the gates between 8:35am and 8:45am, they will walk to their classroom independently. Staff members will be placed at both gates to support any children to their classroom if needed.

To ensure the safety of your child at the end of the day, please ensure that we know who is picking your child up from school each day (if this is not yourself.) If your child is going to be collected by someone different, including play dates, please ensure that you send a message into school, either by sending in a note, or by emailing the school office.

Your child will not be dismissed to anyone that is not 'familiar' to the school (even if a note has been handed in), therefore if the person who is collecting your child is not known to the school (i.e. not another parent or someone we have met before), please provide us and them with a password. The password will be requested before your child is dismissed. Please be aware that we are unable to take the word from your child about who they are going home with, a note is required.

PE Kit

PE will be on a **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit. We will be doing PE inside and outside so please be aware of this as the weather gets colder. Please check that all PE kit is labelled.

Wellies, wet weather and the Wonder Woodlands

We will also be starting to visit our school woodlands very soon. More details to follow, however, to help us get prepared, please could you send in a pair of named wellies that can

be kept at school for your child to wear when they need them. This may be for visiting the woodlands, or for playing outside when the weather turns, including for jumping in puddles! Please also think about what you would like your child to wear to the woodlands over their clothes. In past years muddy puddle suits have been ideal at keeping children dry, warm and they're washable! Alternatively, waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat also do the same job. These can stay at school and will be sent home for washing periodically.

The Curriculum

Our priority at the start of the term will be settling the children back into school. We will read the book *The Colour Monster*, which will support our understanding of emotions and introduce self-regulation to the children.

In English, we will look at a variety of traditional tales and stories with familiar settings. We will identify common features and themes in these stories. We will also write effective labels, lists, captions and recounts.

In Maths, we focus on addition and subtraction within 10 using objects, pictures and just in our head! We also explore 2D and 3D shapes, finding differences and similarities. In Science, we will observe seasonal changes. We will look at how nature and the weather changes. We will also learn all about animals including humans, investigating food chains, lifecycles and the five senses etc.

In History, the children will be learning about the gunpowder plot and the history of houses.

In Geography, we will be focusing on our field working skills: looking at maps, locating our school and considering our route to school.

In RE, we will begin to understand why most Christians call God the creator and what most Christians celebrate together.

In Computing, the children will discover and identify technology around us. The children will also learn skills involved in digital painting.

In PE/Games, the children will focus on teamwork and listening, exploring how we may change our dancing based on the music we are listening to. We will learn to control our bodies so that we can jump and land safely.

In Music, we will explore pitch and sound patterns: listening to and analysing a variety of different music and creating our own music.

In Art, we will experiment with colour, creating secondary colours and a range of tones using primary colours.

In Design and Technology, we will plan, create and evaluate our own moving pictures inspired by traditional tales. This links to our learning in English.

In PSHE, we will discuss what it means to 'be me in my world'. We will also discuss and celebrate differences.

I hope that this has provided you with some extra information, but please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any further questions.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Meet the Teacher event on Monday 16th September.

Kind regards,

Miss Baldwin
Year 1/Robins Class Teacher

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