8th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mrs Rolfe, Laura, Mrs Webber, Miss Lowin and I hope that you all had a wonderful Summer with your gorgeous children and that the return to school hasn’t been too tiring for you all!

Robins team this year will be Mrs Coulam, Laura, Mrs Rolfe, Mrs Webber and we would like to welcome Miss Lowin who will be with us on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

I would like to give you some information about Robin’s class and our routines.

PE: Children will be having PE on Tuesday and Friday mornings with Mr Day.

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PE kit: Children to wear their PE kits to school on these days (Tuesday and Friday)

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them when they come to school on Monday each week. They will be available for them throughout the day, as we are no longer allowed to use the water fountain.

I will be sending out an update about home learning and spellings over the coming weeks once we have settled into a routine and I have been able to set up the in class systems to support these.

Reading: All Children are part of the Read Write Inc Phonics and reading programme where reading books are directly linked to the material taught during these sessions, including new sounds learnt and decodable texts, ensuring children can read these will increase their confidence and fluency.

We will be updating our assessments for year 1’s during the first two weeks of term. Until this time, the children are to continue to read at their previous level. A reading log will be provided for your child and for the programme to be successful in its process I would like you to encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week, the first read through is a shared read looking at story

and talking about the book, the second read is for your child to read to you and the third read is to discuss what happened in the story. Your child will also choose a storybook to share, this has a sticky label and there is no expectation for your child to read this, it is purely reading for pleasure. This daily reading will be part of the homework expectation.

This terms topic will be: Knights, Princesses and Castles. It is a history topic and our focus will be on people who live and work in castles. If you have any resources at home that you would like to share with us that would be wonderful!

I have an open door policy and can be available directly after school. I hope that if you have any concerns or questions about anything to do with your child that you will not hesitate to contact me. The best way to do this is via email on: [tracy.coulam@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:tracy.coulam@ventrus.org.uk). I pick up my emails frequently and will get back to you as soon as I can and arrange a meeting if necessary.

I hope this has covered all of your questions and look forward to a very busy and exciting term ahead.

Best Wishes

Tracy Coulam