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Welcome to Foundation Stage

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families have enjoyed the hot summer break. The new school year has got off to a great start, and we have all been really impressed with how ready, respectful and responsible the children are in both Robin and Kingfisher classes. It is lovely to see the children come into school calmly with a smile on their faces and say goodbye at the door and settle quickly into new routines. Thank you for your support in this great start to each day.

What your child will be learning this term:

All About Me

During both their choosing and learning time and adult-led activities, the children will be exploring all about themselves and starting school. We will explore what makes each of us special and learn about our families and traditions. The children will understand that other families and cultures may be different to their own and celebrate this positively. The children will have the opportunity to really explore and discuss starting school and how they feel about the changes in their life. Through reading a range of high-quality texts, the children will be encouraged to describe themselves, their families and talk about their own experiences with others. This will be a fantastic start to the year and allow children to develop their self-confidence and ability to form new and positive friendships.



Ways you can support your child's learning at home:

Reading: Please find time daily to sit and read to your child a picture book and have time to talk about the book and pictures. Shared reading helps improve vocabulary knowledge, listening skills, oracy, creativity and imagination.



We will start our phonics program in week 3 and they will learn some of the initial sounds. Your child will then come home with a Rocket Phonics Lilac level book. Please find time to share and read the book with your child. We would like you to do this at least 3 times a week. When your child reads at home, you can record this in their new Reading Diary. When three reads are recorded within a week, they will receive a house point, and a new book will be given. Please ensure your child's book and Reading Diary are in their book bags daily.

Uniform: NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES

Children should wear plain white or navy-blue polo shirts, grey skirts, trousers, shorts or pinafore dresses, and navy blue sweatshirts or cardigans. Socks should be black, grey or white and tights should be grey. Footwear should be smart black shoes (no boots please). No jewelry should be worn except for simple stud earrings, and long hair should be tied back.

Please regularly check your child's spare clothes bag for wet items and replace all items straight away.

Wellies and waterproof coats and trousers are need ALL year around. Please can you bring them in, named, as soon as possible.

PE kits:

All children will need a NAMED sports kit suitable for outdoor PE this term. Your child will need a plain white T-Shirt and black shorts and trainers.

Water bottles and snacks

Children need a named water bottle in school each day. This needs to be taken home to be washed out and refilled. Foundation Stage are provided with a piece of free fruit or vegetable at snack time every day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come in and let us know. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Have a great term!

Mrs Bowler, Miss Freeman, Mrs Sheils, Mrs Pollard and Mrs Seeney.

