



Welcome to Robin Class!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Robin Class and the start of your child's first school year! By now your child will have experienced their first full day at school and hopefully has had a fabulous day exploring their new classroom environment, spending time with friends and making new ones. After what has been, and continues to be, a very strange year, I'm sure a school routine will be a welcome change as we try to provide a sense of 'normality' wherever possible.

I have put together a little guidance on classroom routines; more detailed guidance will follow in the coming weeks.

Class Dojo

At Enfield, we use Class Dojo to reward children's positive behaviours with 'Dojo Points'. Staff members throughout school can give 'Dojos' for making good choices throughout the school day. Attached to this letter is an invitation to join Class Dojo. Once you have done this, you will be able to see and celebrate the points your child has been awarded.

Class Dojo is also great for helping us to keep in the loop with one another; Dojo offers a messaging feature, through which you and I will be able to share any important messages or information about your child. Further to this, you will also be able to see the class story (which acts in a similar fashion to a social media newsfeed). I'll be able to post updates and important messages and you can like and comment on the post, where appropriate.

Reading

In Robin Class, we promote a love of reading; we read as much as possible as often as possible! At the start of each day, the children will vote for the book they would like to read as a class at the end of the day. They have constant access to our reading corner with a wide array of books and are encouraged to share stories together. Within the next week, your child will bring home a 'book to share' and a traditional reading book linked to their phonics learning. This will be accompanied with a letter detailing your child's reading day, where they will have a chance to read to an adult and change their books, and a Reading Record, where you will be able to record your child's reading journey.

For the next two weeks, we will be focussing on the book 'Worrysaurus' in class as we explore the story of the little dinosaur and his worry butterflies!

You will find that your child has brought a book home with him/her today; this is one we would like your child to keep as a well done for a fantastic first day at school.

Topic - Do you want to be friends?

This half term, we'll meet the adults who work here and see photos of adults' workspaces and other classrooms. We'll print these photos to compile a 'Who's who?' display of school staff. Working together, we'll create friendship scenarios using Jelly Babies at the 'Jelly Babies playground', and we'll create a 'Class jobs board', allocating responsibilities amongst ourselves. We'll talk about friendship, being kind and helpful, loneliness, enemies, and the things we like. What is our most cherished possession? In our literacy lessons we'll discover new words to describe ourselves, and write sentences together to compare and contrast each other. In our mathematics lessons, we'll share objects out fairly, and compare hand and foot sizes with our friends. Getting creative, we'll use a gathering drum to tap out rhythms together, and paint our palms to make beautiful patterns to cut out. At the end of the project, we'll write a thank you card to someone who helps us at home. We'll also make and bake salt dough hearts to present to a loved one.

Snack

Under usual circumstances, the children in Robin Class would be provided with a healthy snack during the morning at school. However, due to Covid, things are a little different and snacks are not currently being provided at school. We are hoping that this will change soon and as soon as it does, I will let you know. For now, please send your child to school with a healthy snack to keep them going until lunch. This should include a drinks bottle (filled with water) and a fruit/vegetable based snack.

Wellies, coats and wrapping up warm!

Where's better to learn than outdoors? Robin Class will spend lots of time outside, whatever the weather, so please ensure your child is ready to face the elements! A coat and a pair of wellies are a must as the weather turns colder so your child can participate in 'welly walks' at school (ideally your child should leave a pair of wellies at school throughout the winter months). I can't stress enough the importance of writing a name in every single item that your child owns - things have a tendency to grow legs and run away in reception!

PE

PE lessons will take place every **Friday**. Please ensure that all items of clothing, especially sweatshirts, are clearly labelled. Girls should have their hair tied back, if it is long. Earrings should not be worn on this day, for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to take part in PE, due to physical injury, please contact the school office. It is recommended that PE bags remain in school for the entire half term. This is because children may be required to have PE kit on days other than specified PE days, on rare occasions. Additionally, PE bags will be sent home every half term.

Food Allergies / Medicine

Please be aware that our First Aid staff are only permitted to administer medication if prescribed by a GP or hospital doctor. If your child does have any medication that needs to be taken or stored at school, please tell us and we can give you the appropriate forms to complete.

It is an uncertain time for all of us right now so if you are worried or have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me via Dojo or by telephoning the office.

Miss Blastland (Class Teacher)