



Robins Autumn 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Robins class. We are looking forward to welcoming your child into our Hollycombe family and getting to know them some more over the coming weeks.

Our first topic will be My Family Tree and we will be exploring different types of family around the world, including our own. We will be creating our own family tree to display in the classroom and would love it if you could send in some photographs of your child as a baby so that can have fun identifying who's who! We would also love to know if your child has grown up in another country or has extended family living in a different part of the UK or another country. We will be sending your child home with a Reading Record and folder—please feel free to send in any communications and pictures via this record.

At Hollycombe we follow Read Write Inc for phonics and we will be beginning these phonics sessions in the second week of term. At first, the focus will be on learning individual sounds and practising letter formation. The children will be given a folder to keep their work in and we will encourage them to take this home to show you their progress and follow up their learning. The children will also be given a picture book to share with you which we will change every couple of days. Please spend some time reading this together, asking the children to talk you through what's happening and then date and initial each time you read together in the Reading Record. Once the children have learnt enough sounds to begin blending some together, they will be sent home with a sound blending book.

In Maths we follow White Rose Maths and we will be starting off by exploring numbers to 5, making these numbers in different ways. We will also be identifying and creating patterns using found materials and comparing lengths and sizes.



There will be two PE sessions a week run by our wonderful coaches from CM sports. Children will spend time learning the basic principles of a PE session, such as finding a space, freezing on command, using and sharing equipment and working individually, with a partner and a group. PE sessions will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days.

Throughout the week, there will be lots of opportunity for your children to explore the continuous provision in class, both inside and out. Please send your child in with appropriate wet weather clothing, including wellies, that can stay in school. As the weather is likely to remain quite changeable this half term, please also be mindful about sending your child in with a sun hat and/or coat as appropriate! If sun cream is needed, this must be applied before school—our staff cannot do this—and please ensure every item of clothing is clearly and securely labelled so we can return any lost property to its rightful owner!



Once the children have settled in to their routine, we will introduce our class Robin as a focus point for some of our circle times. 'Rob' Robin has already been on some adventures with Mrs van Lokven over the summer holidays and is getting ready to present his photos in our special book, after which the children will take it in turns to look after him for a week and share their adventures with the rest of the class! We find this is a great way to encourage children to practise their speaking and listening skills as well as allowing us more of a glimpse into their home lives.



Music will take place with Mrs van Lokven on Monday afternoons and on Fridays children will have the opportunity to 'Show and Tell' something of importance to them. We are also looking forward to welcoming Miss Tilley back again after her maternity leave; she will be covering for Mrs van Lokven on a Friday morning.

So, to recap, here are some key timetable details:

Monday - Singing assembly and class music

Tuesday - PE (please wear PE kits)

Wednesday - PE (please wear PE kits)

Friday - Show and Tell and Rob Robin; Miss Tilley in AM

Thank you to all those who have returned their Tapestry consent forms already—it is a great way for us to evidence your child's work in class and for you to communicate with us. If you have not already done this, please could you follow the link below to complete the consent form so we can get the system up and running:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=A44TzyHD4ECFwiiW1RBwdS0w3JD8aPpKu3Zv3JIEMGxUM1hCWkNVVVA1WFpaNUczWVpNOVZCWFM1Ti4u>

Warm regards and best wishes, Mrs van Lokven and the Robins Team.