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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the long summer break. We hope that you all had a lovely time with your families. Mrs Hogkiss, Miss Gilmour and I have been busy getting the classroom prepared and planning new topics for the year ahead.

So.... first things first. All our classes are named after types of birds. The Year 1/2 class are Robins.

I will teach the class every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Miss Mrs Hogkiss will teach every Thursday and Friday. Miss Gilmour will be in class all week.

Moving from Reception into KS1 is a huge change for children due to lessons becoming more formal. To help the year 1 children with this transition they will still have chance to choose their own learning and access role play, water activities etc. Throughout the half term they will gradually spend more time in the class room.

This half term PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon and Yoga will be every Thursday morning. Children will need a PE consisting of shorts, T-shirt and PE pumps. There will be no swimming for our class this term.

Homework will be given on a Friday and handed back in on a Wednesday. Some homework will relate to topic work whilst other homework may be given to consolidate skills that children are finding tricky. Your child may not get the same homework as other children in the class. Homework may not be given to all children every week as we don't want to give homework just for the sake of it. We want it to support the children's learning.

Each week the children will have spellings to learn and they will be reviewed every Friday morning to see how well the children can remember them. New spelling will be given out every Friday.

The children are in reading groups and after lunch every day they will complete reading activities (which also involves reading to an adult). During the week they will read to Mrs Hogkiss or myself and also to Miss Gilmour. Each reading group has a designated day to change their reading books. As the books are only changed once a week children can have more than one book depending on their reading ability. Don't worry, they will have plenty to read at home throughout the week and reading is carefully monitored in school. Book bags need to be brought into school every day. If you have any questions, please ask.

I'm sure that you will all have lots of questions about assessments, SATs and the Year 1 Phonics test so I would like to invite you to a parents meeting on Tuesday 18th September @3.15 to discuss this further.

Best wishes,

Miss Mountford