

Robins

Summer 2nd 2026
'Up, Up and Away'



Dear Parents / Carers,

Hope you all had a wonderful half term break and are looking forward to a busy half-term ahead.

This Half-Term's Learning

Our topic this half term is 'Up, Up and Away'. In History the children will be learning about significant individuals such as Montgolfier brothers and the Wright Brothers. In art we will be looking at sculpture and the children will be making a sculpture of an aeroplane or hot air balloon. We will also be learning about plants in science and thinking about how the universe came to be in RE, starting with a nature walk. It's going to be a busy one! At the end of the term children will have the opportunity to watch the film 'Up' to finish off the topic. We are very excited for this topic and we hope the children will be to!

Show & Tell

Show and Tell will now only take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Please can children share topic related experiences or any awards from out of school.

Reading:

- ❖ Reading diaries are checked on a Monday and Friday by a member of the Year 1 team. Please use the diaries to communicate any messages on these days.
- ❖ Please encourage your children to change their own book if they need to.
- ❖ Please aim to read with your child every evening and record this in the reading diary.
- ❖ Please remember to scan the QR code on the slip of paper in your child's homework book and practise reading the words. Remind your child to use 'Fred Talk' to sound the words out.

Phonics:

RWI reading books are sent home on a Wednesday and must be returned on Friday. This half term children will be completing their 'Phonics Screening' assessment. Children are familiar with the setup of this assessment as they have been practicing all year with Mrs Applewhite! Please use the next few weeks to practice all the sounds in the RWI books they bring home and encourage your children to find 'special friends' first.

Home Learning:

- ❖ We welcome homework being returned on Monday and Tuesday so that we can make a start on the marking. Please remember to hand homework in on Wednesday at the latest.

Snacks

Please could we remind you to send your child in with a **healthy** snack that adheres to our Healthy School's snack policy. Last term we had a lot of cereal and pre-packaged snacks decanted into Tupperware. Your child will be sent home with these and given a school snack instead.

Please also only send in one snack for the morning. All children have a school snack – a piece of fruit – in the afternoon. They do not need to come in with 3 or 4 snacks in a lunch bag. The Downham Snack Policy is available on the website. Please read this, especially those snacks which should not be brought in.

General:

- ❖ Our PE day will remain as a Thursday with Forest school on a Tuesday. .
- ❖ **Please ensure all PE kit, school uniform and belongings are labelled clearly with your child's name. If it has a name in, it will find its way back to you.**

We will be on the playground at the end of the school day should you have any questions or queries. Alternatively, an appointment can be arranged via the school office.

We look forward to a fun and half-term in Robins class.

Kind regards,

Mrs Campling, Mrs Fasulo and the Year 1 team.