



All about Hedgehogs Class (Reception)



Welcome to Robins Class

We hope your child enjoys their time in Reception. Below is some information about our class.

Staffing



Mrs Westfeld is the class teacher and Miss Bednall is the teaching assistant. We will also be supported by two further Teaching Assistants, Mrs Rutter and Mrs Edwards. On Thursdays when Mrs Westfeld has her management time another teacher, Mr Hirst, will take the class.

Our Day

8:35-8:45: Arrive

8:45: Registration

9:00: Morning session

During this session we practise our phonics and reading

10:45: Break

11:00: Maths

11:50-1:00: Lunchtime

1:00: Registration

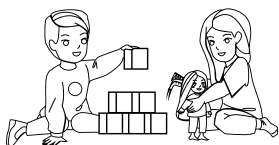
1:05-2:45: Afternoon session

During this session we practise our writing and complete learning on our topic. We also have an RE lesson once a week.

The children will have access to indoor and outdoor play.

2:45: Story time

3:15: Home time



Things to remember

Things you need every day - water bottle and waterproof coat.

A pair of wellies to keep in school.

Please ensure all clothes are labelled clearly with your child's name.



Tuesday - PE

Thursday - PE

Friday - Change library books, reading books (when they start reading) and give out homework.

Reward Schemes



In Reception we use a daily chart to encourage and celebrate positive behaviour in class, particularly in the areas of good manners, listening and effort. During carpet time at the end of each day, we talk about the good behaviour of children on the chart and hand out team points as a reward. These team points are part of a whole-school team point system. This consists of four teams: Blue Mustangs, Green Gladiators, Orange Spitfires and Purple Typhoons. Each child is allocated a team (those with older siblings have been placed in the same team as their sibling). Every time the child works hard, or does something special they will be given a team point. These points are then counted up at the end of the week and the winning team is awarded a trophy during our Star Assembly (see below for further information).

Good Work Assemblies and Hot Chocolate

Every Friday the children take part in a whole-school assembly which celebrates pupils who have worked particularly hard or made good progress in their learning. Every week two children are chosen from each class to receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts and their achievements. A child who has tried hard with their learning all week and has been a great role model in class will also be chosen to have a hot chocolate with the head teacher or deputy head teacher.

Numbots 123

The children will be given a username and password for an online maths game called Numbots. This will help them with their counting, addition and subtraction skills. They can work through it at their own pace and once they have mastered a particular skill they can move on to the next level. We introduced this game a couple of years ago and it has had a huge impact on the children's maths progression (for example, their instant recall of number bonds to 10). Just working on this game for five minutes every week will make a real difference to your child's ability in maths. Each week a certificate will be given to one child who has worked hard on Numbots during the week.

Hedgehog's Box



Every Friday a child will be chosen to take home Hedgehog's Box. The purpose of the box is to help get to know a bit more about your child, their interests and family members. The box can be filled with items such as a special toy, their first baby clothes, photos of family and friends and items linked to their hobbies. Further information can be found inside the box. On the Monday your child will be given the opportunity to share the contents of the box with the class.

Class Dojo App



At Kirk Fenton we use an app called Class Dojo, which enables teachers to send messages to the parents of children in their class, such as notifications, reminders and feedback. It is a great way of keeping you up to date with what is going on in class and your child's progress. Please ensure you have signed up for this. The children will also receive points on Class Dojo for great learning and behaviour. Once they achieve 50 points they will receive a prize.

Learning Journals



Your child will have a Learning Journal book that will be added to throughout the year. We have regular Open Classrooms where parents are invited to come into the school so you can view the classroom and share with your child what they have been doing. If you would like to share anything your child has done for the first time, for example, writing their name or ordering numbers to 10 please send me a message on Class Dojo. We love to hear about what you have been doing at home.

Reading Books



On the 23rd September at 4-4:30pm we will be providing a phonics workshop to show parents how we teach children to read at school. We will also provide free child care (for school age children only). Your child will soon bring home a reading book they have read during the week in class. We will change these books every Friday.

They will also bring home a book with the sounds and words we have been learning during the week. This homework is not compulsory but gives parents an idea of what we have been learning.

Every week we will also be taking our class to the school library, where each child will be given the opportunity to choose two books for the week. Please ensure these books are brought back to school the following week so they can choose new books.

Outdoor Learning and Play (OPAL)

We are an OPAL school, which means the children have access to a wide range of open-ended resources outside during their break and lunchtimes. The children will be expected to be out in all weathers so please ensure they bring a waterproof puddlesuit/ coat and a pair of wellies they can keep in school. Please make sure that both items are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Making your child feel comfortable

We have two displays in our classroom, one about families and one about favourite books. We would love to have some photos of your family to go on our family display, along with any photos of your child holding their favourite book. You can bring photos into school or send them in on Class Dojo.

Your child will also be given a Year 6 buddy. They will meet with them each week, share books and look after them in the playground. If you are worried about your child or need to get in touch a meeting can be arranged or we can have a chat at the door once the children have been dismissed.