



YEAR 2 ROBINS

Class Teacher: Mr Stanton

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs White and Mrs Thomas

Friday 18th September 2026

Important diary dates and reminders:

Thursday 15th October: Parents Evening 2-8pm. Bookings will open on Saturday 3rd October. You should receive an email in due course, detailing how to log in.

Monday 19th - Friday 30th October: Half Term

*****ADVANCE NOTICE***: Robins' class assembly will be on Thursday 11th March 2027, 08:50am.**

Housekeeping:

Fort Nelson visit: A huge thanks to everyone who has volunteered to come along on this trip – somewhere in the region of 10/11 of you, which was a great response. I think the office have let you know who is coming with us, I'm sorry that I am unable to take everyone. Our other class trip will be in the Spring term – February if my mind serves me correctly – when we'll be heading over to Brooklands Museum in Weybridge (a new venue for a Grayswood School trip) to consolidate our history topic about flight. The summer term 'trip' is an in-school workshop, when we're visited by a rather famous monarch from history – no volunteers are needed for that I'm afraid.

Meet the Teacher session: An excellent turn out! I believe ours was the best-attended of all the classes, so thank you for taking the time to come along and hear, in a nutshell, how Year 2 will work. As said, the powerpoint which was shared is available to see on the website class page, but please do catch me if there are any questions throughout the year. A little reminder too, that while most routines and practices are now up and running, there may still be one or two 'tweaks' needed in the next couple of weeks.

Class Work Update:

A highly positive and productive week ends with arguably the best/my favourite day of Year 2 so far this year. It was one which just worked and although the to-do list was somewhat daunting at 08:35, we managed to get everything done and more. It was just me today as Mrs Thomas had to be elsewhere and the Robins responded beautifully to everything they were asked to do.

In English, we finished our 'boxing up' of bullet pointed information about the Fire of London. These notes will be turned into full sentences next week and an information text produced by each child. Again, I am really impressed with the writing they are producing and ideas they are contributing to the lessons.

Maths-wise, place value work has continued, this week looking at writing numbers to 100 in words, partitioning numbers to 100 and a bit of problem solving relating to these aspects of the unit. Good comprehension has been shown by most of the class and hopefully this will be consolidated further by this week's home learning.

The science lesson developed the recent learning about biomes and how animals are adapted to their habitats, the task this week being for children to produce a riddle, using characteristics, behaviour, eating-habits etc to give clues as to what animal they are referencing. They enjoyed this and the quality of the work led to house points and a silver card or two being handed out.

In history, the children spent some time asking Mrs White about her time at the school as a pupil and enjoying the responses she gave. They then went and recorded this on the worksheet provided and also added in some previous ideas stating how the classroom is different now to how it was 100 or so years ago. In today's computing session, we talked more about staying safe online and identifying information which should not be shared on the internet, before the children created their own pretend passwords, using the criteria that we are all familiar with nowadays. A lovely, lovely week this has been.



Spellings:

Another good effort in terms of bringing the required equipment in – this time the spelling books, most of which were here for today's spelling test. There was another solid set of scores again too, so thank you for all the help you are given children in learning the words at home. Once again, this new set of words is taken from the High Frequency Word list.

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Home Learning:

Partitioning numbers within 100. Fairly self-explanatory, especially when using the example on the worksheet. I imagine you won't have Base 10 resources at home, so if practical things are needed, improvise with anything that can be used to visually represent tens and ones. Please also make sure that the children are writing the value of the tens in the part-whole models e.g 'There are 6 tens', but writing this as '60' in the circle. Worksheets are in every single home learning book which was handed in this week – a full house to kick the year off with, well done 😊.

Biomes:

Just a reminder of the non-compulsory biome activity which was set last week. The ones which have come in so far look amazing! It is a fun activity so it would be good to see as many children completing it as possible. In science we have been talking about biomes – grassland, Savannah, desert, tundra, woodland and rainforest – and thinking about some of the animals, plants and trees which can be found within each. It would be lovely to see the children consolidating this at home by creating their own example of one of the above biomes, along with the things which might be found living in it. They can go about this however they wish – a 2D, detailed drawing of one in their home learning books is probably the simplest way to reproduce one, but putting together a 3D version is so much more engaging and interactive for them. A5ish would be the best size to aim for and certainly no larger than A4 please – a shoe box is ideal. Children can use whatever materials they wish – including real flora etc. There are some biome examples below, just to get those creative juices flowing and I look forward to seeing what the children come up with. As this is a little more practical, the children can have a couple of weeks to do it, should they need some time and biomes can be brought in anytime up to Friday 25th September. The BBC Bitesize websites we looked at in class may be of use: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvsp92p#zmvsvf82>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv>



Week 3 comes to an end and somehow we're already halfway through this first half term. Christmas card designs are now complete and I was even able to mention the Nativity to Robins today too. Only briefly, but it was a little alarming to be hearing that word two-thirds of the way through September. That's all for thinking about next week however and now, we must all enjoy two restful weekend days. I hope that some amount of sleep is on my agenda, but we'll see. Tomorrow is my annual visit to the Goodwood Revival, so who knows, I may see some of you there. Enjoy whatever it is you get up to and I shall see you all for Round 4 on Monday. **Keep smiling, stay safe. Mr S.**