



September 2021

Letter from Mrs Rubio to Robin Class

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are all well and are enjoying a lovely Summer break. The children were a pleasure to meet when they visited for shuffle-up morning, and we had a great time getting to know them.

Key Stage 1 is made of both Year 1 and Year 2. This table provides staffing information for each of our Key Stage 1 classes:

Class	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
1NS – Owls	Miss Salisbury	Mrs Smith Miss Pereira Do Carmo/Miss Inselin (Fred)
1TR - Robins	Mrs Rubio	Mrs Wichall/Mrs Bugg
1/2LP - Dragonflies	Miss Pryke	Miss Butcher
2HF - Kingfishers	Mrs Feeny	Mrs Yorukoglu/Mrs Castle
2KH - Hummingbirds	Miss Humphries	Miss Croft Miss Inselin (Fred)

Please refer to the previously emailed letter from Mrs Mayes for more information about the return to school. Here are a few reminders and additional class information to help us all have a smooth start:

Timings & Dropping Off/Picking Up Arrangements

The children should be dropped off at their classroom door at 8.45am. Please note that there will be a one-way system in place running from the alleyway towards Avenue Road. We would appreciate your support with briefly saying goodbye to your children at the classroom door to support them with developing their independence with coming into school.

The school day finishes at 3.10pm Monday-Thursday, and 1.30pm on a Friday. The children will be seen out by a member of staff through their classroom door and handed over to you. When collecting your children, please make yourself known to staff to help us see them out safely and efficiently. Please ensure that staff are informed of any changes to who usually picks your children up from school.

School Uniform & P.E.

Please ensure that all school uniform is clearly labelled. Our school specific uniform (with the school logo) is available to purchase online through our supplier: <https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/lethbridge-primary-school-44489>, but logo free white polo shirts and navy sweatshirts are also acceptable.

Uniform should consist of:

- Polo shirt - White, long or short sleeves
- Sweatshirts/cardigans - Navy
- Trousers/skirts/shorts/pinafore - Black
- Shoes - Black, sensible flat heels
- Summer dresses - Blue/white checked

PE kit should consist of (and be worn to school all day on a Wednesday):

- Jogging bottoms, leggings/shorts (dependant on weather/time of year) in plain colour, i.e. Navy, black or grey
- PE T-shirt - White
- Tracksuit top or sweatshirt - Plain navy, black or grey
- Plimsolls or trainers (Plimsolls or trainers should be worn all day on a Monday - children do not need to bring school shoes as well.

What To Bring

Children will need to bring a named book bag and water bottle to school every day. If they are not having a school provided lunch, please ensure their lunch box is clearly labelled.

Please ensure that your children bring any allergy medication and asthma inhalers from the very first day they are back in school. These must be named and with the original labels and instructions.

School Lunches

School lunches through our catering company, Aspens, are available to order with a hot and cold menu choice. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Infant Free School meal. Please note that these meals still need to be ordered online.

Topic

Our first topic of the year will centre around the fantastic work of the emergency services. We are hoping to invite some visitors from these services to visit the children at school to enhance their learning about the work they do. If this is something that you may be able to help us with, then please let me know.

Please refer to the uploaded term 1 topic web for further information about what we will be covering as part of this topic. Our English work will be inspired by our learning about the emergency services and the children will be given opportunities to apply their newly acquired knowledge through creating their own emergency service posters, stories, and poems.

Phonics & Reading Books

Phonics is taught daily in discrete sessions within each class. The children will be supported with learning to read and write common exception words, and specific spelling rules appropriate to their year group as part of these sessions. Guidance for these can be viewed by visiting our 'Class Pages' on our school website – please select the links entitled 'KS1 Spelling Guidance' and 'KS1 Common Exception Words.' You will also be able to find a useful 'KS1 Grammar Passport' on these pages. You can find further information about our English curriculum by navigating to 'Parents+' and selecting 'Curriculum' from the drop-down menu on our website.

Each child will be given a reading record and reading book, which will go home every day and will need to be brought to school every day. It is expected that children will be supported with reading at home as regularly as possible and this does form part of your child's 'homework.' Please sign their reading record when you hear them read, so they can work towards their reading awards. The children receive recognition for 25, 75, 125 etc reads through a sticker and they are rewarded with a prize at 50, 100, 150 etc reads. Please refer to the uploaded 'KS1 Reading Guidance' for an explanation of how we organise reading in KS1.

Homework Expectations

In addition to reading regularly at home, we expect all Year 1 children to complete weekly spelling homework. These spellings will reinforce the phonics and spelling patterns that they have focused upon at school. They will be sent home on a Friday in their homework folder for the children to practise on a '*Look, Cover Write, Check*' sheet. The children will be given a spelling quiz on the following Wednesday, which is when we would like the homework folders returned. Please note that we will be giving weekly spelling homework from **Friday 17th September** onwards.

I look forward to meeting you all soon and welcoming your child into Year 1 on the first day back – Thursday 2nd September.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rubio ☐