



Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope everyone has had a lovely Summer holiday and is ready for the exciting term ahead. We are very much looking forward to getting to know the newest members of Oak class.

Our Class

We have had a great start to the new school year and everyone is working hard and settling in well. Our class teachers are Mrs Campbell and Mrs Rothwell. Mrs Campbell teaches Oak class on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays and Mrs Rothwell teaches Oak class on alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Herbert teaches Science and PSHCE to Oak class on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Jenkins is our teaching assistant who supports us in the mornings.

The Curriculum

We are currently reading a class novel called 'Island' by Nicky Singer. Where appropriate, lessons across the curriculum will be linked to our work on this novel. Later in the term we will also be learning about the Vikings and Anglo Saxons.

Homework

Every Friday, pupils in Oak class are given a new list of spellings with a practice sheet. Children should have this sheet completed and handed in by the following Friday (at the latest) and on this day a spelling test is carried out. Please do encourage daily practice of spellings as this makes for better retention of spellings in the long-term.

We are launching our new rapid recall maths facts programme which involves the children practising a set maths facts every week. There will be more information about this shortly.

Every half-term, we ask the pupils in Year 5 & 6 to carry out a homework project; this is usually linked to our topic (geography/history) area of study. Again, more details of this will be available once we have really got going with our studies!

Reading

In Oak class we aim to promote a love of reading and are continuing to develop our reading area. We have a good range of books that that we encourage the children to read. Children who are on

free reading are welcome to take these books home as their reading books. Alternatively children on free reading may bring in a suitable, age-appropriate book from home. Children who are following the school reading scheme must make sure they change their reading books regularly with the help of Mrs Jenkins. We would be very grateful if children both on the reading scheme and free reading could be encouraged to record their reading at home in their planners even when reading independently. We also encourage children to recommend good reads to their class mates.

PE and Swimming

Swimming is every Friday afternoon for Oak class, until Christmas. Please ensure your child has his/her swimming kit in school every Friday. (It will be sent home after each week.) Please make sure your child has goggles if they require them and a hairband to tie long hair back.

Our PE curriculum for this half term is Dance; we will be learning some dance moves as part of our Young Voices repertoire (see next paragraph!) as well as some other dances.

Young Voices

We are excited to announce that as part of our Music curriculum this year we will be taking part in the Young Voices concert at Sheffield arena. This is a fantastic event where hundreds of schools, including many in our local area, get together to sing a wide range of songs. The concert will take place at the beginning of the spring term. This date is yet to be confirmed and further information including transport and tickets will be given nearer the time. There will be a cost involved however we will endeavour to keep this to a minimum.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and getting to know the newer members of Oak class. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's academic or personal progress then please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Best Wishes

Mrs Campbell and Mrs Rothwell