



Dear Parents,

We hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday and all that chocolate has given us some energy for embracing learning in the new term!

Our Class

Oak class will be taught by Mrs. Campbell every Monday and Tuesday, as well as every other Wednesday. Mrs. Rothwell will teach every Thursday and Friday, as well as the alternate Wednesdays. Mrs. Jenkins supports our class in the mornings. Our trainee teacher Mrs Broughton will continue to teach in our class until the end of June.

The Curriculum

Our new topic this term is Africa and the ancient civilisation of Benin. As well as geography and history, this topic provides lots of exciting opportunities in Art, DT and music.

On Thursdays in PE this term we will be doing Outdoor & Adventure and Athletics activities; please ensure your child has suitable footwear (ie. trainers) as well as black or navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, as we will be outside when possible. Friday's PE is cricket and is taught by Kanga Sports; again we hope to be outside most of the time so the same kit is required. If children have to borrow school kit, this must be taken home, washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

In science we will be looking at 'Sounds' and 'Living Things', French lessons will cover 'A la Plage' and the Tour de France whilst RE will consider the relationship between the world and God, and Islam towards the end of the term.

Homework

Homework forms an important part of the curriculum. The homework set is linked to classroom learning and individual targets. If your child has any worries or concerns about the homework or needs support to complete it; please encourage them to come and see a teacher before the homework is due so we can go through it together. A variety of homework tasks will be sent home including written tasks, games and practical activities.

Projects - Every half term children will also be given a research project to do, linked to the topic we are studying. They will be given a number of weeks to complete the project and an outline of what is expected - more details of this half term's project will be forwarded shortly.

Spellings - Children will be tested on their list of spellings every Friday morning. Children will be taught effective ways of learning their spellings in school, which they can then use at home. The 'look, cover, write and check' strategy is an effective method for a lot of children to use.

Times tables - Children will be tested weekly on their times tables. Regular practise of all times tables at home is essential and quick recall of multiplication/division facts is extremely important as a support to the maths we do in class. There are many online games which are fun and very helpful in learning quick recall, such as Top Marks Hit the Button, amongst others.

Year 6

The first 4 weeks of the term will focus on preparation for the SATs. Parents of Year 6 children have already received additional information about this. Year 6 will receive some extra homework.

Residential

Please ensure you have paid for the upcoming residential trip through ParentPay. More information will be forwarded in due course.

Reading

It is important that children continue to read as often as possible at home, as well as at school. Your child must bring their current reading book to school every day and should record what they are reading in their planner. If you listen to your child read at home, please record this with a comment in their planner.

Planners

Planners must be brought into school every day and your child should put it in the basket in the classroom. Your child's planner will be looked at by an adult at least once a week, usually on the child's guided reading day. If you have written a message in the planner to be read more urgently, your child must give this to an adult in the class. We will also use the planner as a form of communication with you, so please check your child's planner on a daily basis.

Water bottles

Please make sure children have a water bottle so they can drink regularly whilst at school. This must be taken home every Friday to be washed and brought back the following Monday. Children can fill their water bottles up at school during the week from the water fountain.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's academic or personal progress, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Rothwell and Mrs. Broughton