

Reading Record	Bring <u>everyday</u> and place in labelled basket with book (even if book has not been read at home)
P.E	<u>Friday</u> (Please leave kit at school, we will send home for washing at the end of each half term)
Water Bottles	Place in tray <u>Monday</u>
Sounds-Write	Place in labelled basket each <u>Monday</u>
Story Sacks	Available each <u>Friday</u> to borrow and return
Basic Skills	Sent home each Friday, bring back following <u>Thursday</u>
Letters/Money	Place in tin on table (please place money in labelled envelope-child's name, reason and amount)
Voluntary Donations	Please place into Gruffalo money box, thanks!
Collecting at the end of day	If your child is going home with someone different, please write this on the whiteboard by class door and inform one of us.
School Newsletter	Emailed home every Friday-please note important dates and events.

Oak

Class



Autumn 2018
Newsletter
for
Children
and
Parents

Class Routines and Information

Welcome to Oak Class! It is great to have the children joining us and thank you for making us so welcome on the home visits. The purpose of this termly class newsletter is to let you know the kinds of things that we will be doing at school.

Staff: Mrs Puntrello will be teaching in Oak class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Mrs Jackson will teach Oak class on alternate Wednesday mornings and on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Wilmington is the class teaching assistant and works with us on Monday and Tuesday mornings, all day on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Holmes is the teaching assistant in Oak class on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Daily Routines: Children can enter the classroom from 8.45. Please encourage your child to hang up their own coat, empty their book bag and place it into their named drawer. This helps to develop their independence and self-confidence. If you arrive after 8.55 please report to the school office.

Reading Books: After the initial settling in period, wordless books will be coming home. They are a pre-cursor to the traditional reading book and are aimed to nurture a love of books and a wider interest in literacy. Please share them with your child and talk about what they can see in the pictures, what they think might be happening, what the characters might say etc.

Homework: Basic skills activities will come home every Friday and will need to be back in school on the next Thursday. Please repeat these skills throughout the week, just spending a few minutes each day to really try and embed them. Sounds-Write homework will come home on Mondays. There will be a Sounds Write Presentation on 26.9.18. This is a very important meeting, however if you are unable to attend, further information will be given to you.

Water Bottles: Children should drink throughout the day, therefore we have provided a water bottle for each of them. The water bottle will be sent home on a Friday to be washed and returned to school the following Monday please.

Snack: The Gruffalo money box will be in the classroom ready to accept weekly 50p contributions which go towards cookery ingredients and additional exciting, but nutritious, snacks for the children. We also offer a daily fruit and vegetable snack provided from the Government scheme.

Story Sacks: If you wish to borrow one of our story sacks then please come a few minutes early on a Friday afternoon to pop into Ash Class (next door to us) and choose one. We ask that you sign it out and check the contents as soon as you get home. If you do find anything missing, please let us know and we will ask the previous borrower to double-check at home! Please take care of these as they are a much-loved resource that we hope you will enjoy sharing with your children. Simply return them the following Friday, sign back in and choose another! These will be available firstly on 21.9.18.

Topic Information for Parents

Over the first few weeks of term we will be teaching the class routines and doing lots of observations to gain an idea of where the children are in their learning, and what interests them. This is so we can appropriately plan their next steps for learning.

Our topic for the first half of term will be 'All About Me' where we will be thinking about ourselves and keeping healthy. We will be exploring the topic through the seven areas of learning as set out in the EYFS curriculum, which is produced by the government. I.C.T. will be used wherever appropriate to enhance the children's learning as well as one specific computing lesson per week.

Specific activities will include painting self-portraits, cooking healthy foods and learning about people who help us to stay fit and healthy. We will be exploring our senses through food tasting activities and messy play. We will find out about each others' likes and dislikes. Our role play area will be transformed into a doctor's surgery and baby clinic.

In a few weeks time we will be celebrating harvest and learning about autumn. After half term our topic will be 'Light and Dark', beginning with Bonfire Night. We will study festivals and celebrations, including Hanukkah, Divali and Christmas. There will be lots of opportunities to cook dishes from around the world. The children will think about different sources of light, discuss feelings associated with the dark and learn about Space.

Oak class special dates to remember-

Wednesday 26th September 9am Sounds-Write Presentation

Monday 10th December 2pm Christmas Play

Wednesday 12th December Whole School Pantomime Trip

Values: The values that we will be learning about this term are:-

September—Respect

October—Responsibility

November—Peace

December—Compassion

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please drop us a line when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this. Please take a look at our website to find out more.