

Reading Record	Bring everyday and place in labelled basket with book (even if book has not been read at home)
P.E	Friday (Please leave kit at school, we will send home for washing at the end of each half term)
Water Bottles	Place in tray Monday
Sounds-Write	Place in labelled basket each Monday
Basic Skills	Sent home each Friday, bring back following Thursday
Letters/Money	Place in tin on table (please place money in labelled envelope-child's name, reason and amount)
Voluntary Donations	Please place 50p into Gruffalo tin on a weekly basis, thanks!
Collecting at the end of day	If your child is going home with someone different, please write name (child and collector) on white-board by door and inform one of us.
School Newsletter	Emailed home every Friday-please note important dates and events.

Oak Class



Spring 2019 Newsletter for Children and Parents

Class Routines and Information

Welcome back to school. We hope that you have enjoyed a happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you kindly for all your wonderful gifts and cards, they were very much appreciated.

Staff: We are delighted to introduce Miss Crowhurst to the team. She will be working in Oak Class on Thursday and Friday. Staffing remains the same with Mrs Puntrello, Mrs Wilmington, Mrs Kean and Mrs Holmes making up the Oak Class team.

Daily Routines: Our door opens at 8.45. To develop their independence and self-confidence, please now ask your child to enter the classroom by themselves: and empty their book bags independently. To assist us at the end of the day, please remember to write on the whiteboard next to the door when someone other than usual is collecting your child. The door closes promptly at 8.55 therefore if you arrive after this, please enter through the school office.

Reading Books: Please try to share your child's reading book with them every day. We only change books after a **second** read and would ask that you take the opportunity with the second read to ask questions, discuss the story and characters together etc. There are some ideas in the front of the reading diary.

P.E: We have PE lessons every week. Please ensure that all items of PE kit are named and that your child has a spare set of underwear in their bag in case of emergencies. We prefer that you leave it in school for the half term.

Homework: Basic skills activities will continue to come home every Friday and will need to be back in school on the next **Thursday**. Please repeat these skills throughout the week, spending a few minutes every day. This really does help the children to move on with their learning. Sounds Write homework will come home on **Mondays**, again please practise this several times throughout the week.

Water Bottles: Please remember to wash and return water bottles to school every Monday.

Snack: We are very grateful for your 50p contributions which go towards cookery ingredients and additional snacks for the children; the Gruffalo money box will be on the radiator by the classroom door. We continue to offer a daily fruit and vegetable snack, and milk provided by the Government scheme.



Topic Information for Parents

Our topic for the first half of term will be 'Pole to Pole' where we will be looking at the people and animals who live in different areas of the world, starting in the Arctic, moving on to Kenya and then going under the sea when we will make fishcakes and read the story of The Rainbow Fish. 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 arctic landscapes, making models of polar bears and penguins, and conducting experiments with ice. We will look at festivals around the world that occur in this term including Holi, Mothering Sunday, and will be making pancakes and Chinese Stir fry to tie in with Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year. On Friday 5th April we will visit the church to celebrate Easter. On Friday 1st March we will dress up as our favourite book characters for World Book Day activities.

Daily numeracy and Sounds-Write sessions will continue to be taught and it will be helpful if you can support your child with Sounds-Write practise and counting activities at home. Things you can do at home to further develop their numeracy include questioning them on the number which comes before or after a given number, and simple activities such as sharing a packet of raisins between family members, or simple addition or subtraction tasks.

If your child receives a certificate, medal or trophy through extra-curricular activities, we would love to see it and share it in our whole school celebration assembly.

As the weather is particularly cold at the moment, please send your child to school with a coat and hat. Scarves and gloves are suggested too. Please ensure everything is named and, if your child has not yet mastered the zip or buttons on their coat, please can you practise this with them at home?

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

January-Appreciation February- Honesty March-Perseverance

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. Also please continue to send in the stickers of your child's achievements and skills demonstrated at home.