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| 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 of 50p | Please place into Gruffalo money box, 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



Summer 2019 Newsletter for Children and Parents

Class Routines and Information

Welcome back to school. We hope that you have enjoyed a happy Easter.

A few reminders- please can you ensure that your child's homework books are brought in on the correct day (see over). This cuts down on the amount of time taken to add the new sheets.

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**.

Sounds Write homework will come home on **Mondays**, please practise these essential skills throughout the week., reading and writing sentences. They should also practise writing the high frequency words from memory.

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

Snack: Reminder- without your generous support, we cannot offer cooking or additional snack beyond the fruit provided from the Government scheme. Therefore the Gruffalo money box will continue to be in the classroom to accept the weekly contribution of 50p per child. We continue to offer a daily fruit and vegetable snack, and milk provided



Topic Information for Parents

Our topic for the first half of term will be 'Once Upon a Time' starting with St George's Day and Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be learning about baby creatures and animals, planting seeds and exploring the digging patch and mud kitchen. Please consider this if your child comes home a little muddy!

Other activities will include building a castle in our role play area and learning about dragons and giants. We will be sending Derek, our class dragon, home with children to spend time with you and he will bring his diary for the children to fill in a page about their adventures together. (this can be as simple as tea and a bath!) Please keep him for only one night and return him with his diary the following day (unless it's a weekend) to enable us to give everyone a chance to bring him home.

After half term we will be studying Minibeasts and thinking about getting ready to move up to Year one. Our new teacher will come and spend time with us in Oak class so the children can be familiar with her and feel comfortable about the transition. We have booked our school trip to Herrings Green Farm for Monday 1st July where we will enjoy a full day of activities at the birds of prey centre. A Music specialist from 'Inspiring Music' will be working with the children on a weekly basis from Thursday 6th June. Also, we will be preparing for Sports Day on Thursday 4th July, weather permitting.

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 doubling and halving activities using objects, simple sharing and continuing to learn what one more and one less than a said number is.

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

As the weather is hopefully improving, please send in a named sun hat to school which can be kept in their drawer for the sunny days. Please apply sun cream at home in the morning when the weather gets hot. We CANNOT apply this at school. Please continue to send in a coat everyday as we do go outside even if it rains! Please ensure everything is named.

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

April-Trust May-Co-operation June-Positivity July-Friendship

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.