

<u>KEY INFORMATION</u>	
Reading book and record	Please ensure that reading book and diary are in school daily.
P.E	<b>Friday</b> Please leave kit at school, we will send home for washing at the end of each half term. Premier Sports will be in every Friday.
Water Bottles	Please ensure that water bottles are brought in every Monday morning. They will be sent home on Friday afternoon's.
Sounds-Write homework	Please ensure that Sounds-Write books are in school on Monday's for new word lists to be added.
Basic Skills homework	Please ensure that basic skills files are in school by Thursday, each week, for new homework to be sent out on Friday's.
Letters	Encourage children to place return forms in class box.
Voluntary Donations	Thank you in advance for your weekly donation of 50p for toast, cooking ingredients, gardening resources and additional topic based snacks.
Collecting at the end of day	Your child will be dismissed promptly at 3:25 from the Oak class courtyard.
School Newsletter	Emailed home every Thursday-please note important dates and events.

Oak Class



Autumn 2021

Newsletter  
for  
Children  
and  
Parents

# Class Routines and Information

Welcome to Oak Class! The purpose of this termly class newsletter is to let you know the kinds of things that we will be doing in school.

**Staff:** Mrs Puntrello will be teaching in Oak class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Ghuman will teach Oak class on Thursday and Friday. Miss Coffey is the full-time class teaching assistant. Mrs Firth and Mrs Browne are the class midday supervisors and look after the children at lunchtime.

**Daily Routines:** Children will be able to enter the classroom from 8:45. They will enter the classroom, hang up coats and unpack book bags before washing their hands thoroughly.

**Book bags:** The children will need to bring in their book bag every day. Letters and notes will be packed into their book bags at the end of the day. Please check the contents of your child's book bag daily, for important information. *Please do not put any keyrings on the book bag.*

**Reading Books:** After the initial settling in period, wordless books will be sent 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. Please date and record any comments in the reading diary each time that you share a book.

**Homework:** Basic skills activities will be sent home every Friday. Sounds-Write (phonics) homework will be sent home on Mondays. Please repeat the sounds-write activities throughout the week, just spending a few minutes each day to embed them.

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

**Snack:** We offer a daily morning fruit or vegetable snack provided from the Government scheme. Occasionally, there will be an additional topic based snack. Milk and water will be available during snack time every day. We are very grateful for your 50p contributions which go towards cookery ingredients, additional snacks and resources for additional activities for the children.

**Incident slips:** If your child has a head injury or a significant bleed they will receive an orange incident slip to take home, informing you of the incident and the first aid administered. If it is a more serious injury we will phone you immediately.

**Uniform:** Please refer to the school website for specific uniform guidelines. However, we urge you to name every item of clothing. This includes shoes, tights, vests and coats. Please make sure your child has a suitable coat when the days are cold/wet and a sun hat on warmer days.

**Rewards:** We celebrate your child's academic and personal achievements in many ways, including the golden book, special person, manners monkey and sticker charts. This will be explained further in the upcoming meeting.

# Topic Information for Parents

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

During the Autumn term our topics will include: Ourselves and Our Families, Harvest, Rhyme, Light and Dark, Autumn, Space and Christmas.

Throughout each of these topics there will be a core literacy focus. We will share books, poems and topic related resources to cover the EYFS curriculum. Our termly lessons will include art, science, history, geography, technology, computing and music activities to teach, practice and embed key skills through our current topic.

Maths (with weekly learning objectives) and sounds-write (phonics) lessons are stand-alone subjects and are delivered daily.

P.E lessons are every Friday with the Premier Sports coaches.

Reminder - Parent/Sounds-Write Meeting on Thursday 23rd September at 9am in the school hall.



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

**September**—Respect  
**November**—Peace

**October**—Responsibility  
**December**—Compassion

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please do let us know when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this.