

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Oak Class!

I am delighted to welcome the children back and I am looking forward to teaching your child this year. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Miss Defty. This is my seventh year of teaching. I love animals, especially my dog Kobi, all things Disney, reading and travelling all around the world!

I would like to use this opportunity to briefly outline some changes to this year and how these will affect you and your children.

Mathematics:

In Year One in Maths this term we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction within 10 and 20. To help your child at home, you can practice counting to 20 and writing the numbers both in numerals and words.

In addition to this you can practice basic maths skills at home e.g. telling the time using clocks and watches (you can watch the television until half past four) and practicing the value of money e.g. how much change will I get if I buy a chocolate bar with my pocket money.

English:

In English this term we will be focusing on writing sentences with full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. We will be continuing the wonderful work Ms Lilley did in Drawing Club last year before moving onto the Curious Quest later in the year!

To help your child at home, you can practice letter formations (see attached sheet) of both lower-case and capital letters. This will help with letter recognition in reading and will help reduce letter reversal e.g. writing b instead of d.

Phonics:

This year we will be following the Sounds-Write phonics programme. In Year 1 in the Autumn Term we will be focusing on the following units:

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| - Unit 1 /ae/ | - Unit 6 /er/ |
| - Unit 2 /ee/ | - Unit 7 /e/ |
| - Unit 3 < ea > spelling | - Unit 8 /ow/ |
| - Unit 4 /oe/ | - Unit 9 < ow > spelling |
| - Unit 5 < o > spelling | - Unit 10 m/oo/n |

You can help at home by regularly reading with your child. This will help them to develop essential confidence with reading. You can practice segmenting and blending at home (start off with just the sounds then say the whole word e.g. /m/ /a/ /p/ - map).

There are lots of games and websites you can access to help practice these skills at home e.g. www.phonicsplay.co.uk and also lots of videos on YouTube e.g. Alphablocks.

PE:

PE in Oak Class will be held on a **Monday afternoon**. PE will commence from Monday 9th September. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct PE kit as follows:

- A plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Shoes (trainers and plimsolls)
- Black sweatshirt and jogging bottoms (for outside use)

Please ensure that jewellery is removed and that earrings are removed or appropriately covered before attending school on Mondays.

PPA:

Miss Hall and Mrs Kirkwood will deliver Computing and Music and dismiss the children in Oak Class on a Wednesday afternoon.

Homework:

A letter about homework and reading will be circulated to parents shortly as this is currently under review.

Class Dojo

A new class dojo page for Oak Class has been set up so that you can be kept up to date with our activities in school and any important notices!

Housekeeping

Just a quick reminder about the following things:

- Please ensure all children's belongings are labelled with their name
- Please ensure children are not wearing nail polish for school
- Please ensure children are bringing a small bookbag to school (no backpacks please)
- Please ensure if your child brings a snack from home, it is a fruit or vegetable snack
- Please ensure children are not bringing in toys from home that could get lost/broken
- Children can bring in cupcakes or individual bags of sweets to celebrate birthdays if you wish – please no tray bakes or large cakes.

I always endeavour to ensure that children have an academic year that is productive, fun and full of memorable experiences and in which they make progress. I hope we can work collaboratively to ensure the best education for your child. Should your child, or yourself require any support this academic year, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office or Class Dojo.

Many thanks for your time and support

Miss Defty 😊