

## Oak's Autumn Term Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. As the new term begins, I am sure that you will find the information provided in this letter useful.

### \*Curriculum

This year, lessons will continue to be conducted on a 'topic approach'. This means that each term all classes will be focussing on one topic in particular and most other subjects will branch from that. For example, Oak's autumn term topic is '*World War 2*' so most subjects will link with this. Please note that D.T. units will be covered in the summer term after SATs. Children will study the following this term and any extra research/homework is encouraged:

	<b>Autumn (World War Two)</b>
<b>English</b>	Biographies, reports, creating settings/descriptive writing recounts/diaries, poetry (vocabulary building & imagery), Diary of Anne Frank, recounts based on WW2 DVD, Goodnight Mister Tom
<b>Maths</b>	Mental arithmetic, number and place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, algebra, measurement, geometry - properties of shapes, position and direction, statistics, using and applying puzzles and problems
<b>Science</b>	Animals including the human circulatory system Electricity Light
<b>Geography</b>	World maps, capital cities, UK rivers, mountains & seas, topographical features, map skills / grid references
<b>History</b>	WWII, Hitler & The Holocaust
<b>D&amp;T</b>	Christmas Fayre
<b>Computing</b>	Communication & E-Safety
<b>PE</b>	Football, Gymnastics, Dance
<b>Art</b>	Blitz Art
<b>Music</b>	Compose, rehearse and perform Christmas carols
<b>RE</b>	Judaism (WW2, Holocaust, Anne Frank)
<b>PSHE</b>	Discrimination, Budgeting
<b>French</b>	Our School, Telling the Time, French History & France at Christmas

### \*P.E.

These lessons will be on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. For P.E. lessons, children will need both indoor and outdoor kits. The indoor P.E kit should consist of: a t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls. Trainers will be needed for outdoor lessons and a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms can be worn in colder weather.

### \*Homework

Homework will be issued on **Fridays** and will consist of numeracy, literacy and sometimes science activities. This should be handed in by the following **Thursday**. However, children should feel free to hand homework in earlier if it has been completed. House points will be awarded for excellent work. To prevent children from falling behind, any child who has not completed and handed in their homework by Thursday will need to do it at lunchtime. Please keep old homework books to help revise for tests / SATs.

### **\*Reading/help at home**

Helping your child with times tables / division recalling as well as weekly spellings is encouraged. Spelling tests will be given each Friday and times tables' knowledge will help with most aspects of numeracy. Please see the accompanying booklets in the coming weeks which should help with aspects of numeracy and literacy. It is also encouraged that you continue to listen to your child read and question them on their understanding of their book **even if your child is a 'free reader'**. There are many websites where you can read free e-books online which might be nice for you and your child and/or other siblings who might want to read together. [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) is a great site which only requires you to sign up with an email address - perfect to use on a laptop or tablet. Alternatively, type 'free eBooks for children' into a search engine and choose a book to read. Reading any book, magazine or newspaper for pleasure is encouraged so please record this in their reading record but **it is important that, if your child is still not a 'free reader', that they continue their school scheme book too.** Reading records are taken in on a daily basis and house points are given for each day a signature has been recorded from home. It is expected that **at least three** signatures will be in records each week. Special certificates will be awarded to children who have read a lot each half term.

### **\* 11+ Tests**

These tests will take place early this year on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in school for Boston Grammar and Boston High School** and on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Spalding Grammar or Spalding High School.** These will then be sent away to be marked externally. I will administer, mark and return results of practice papers before they sit the actual papers.

### **\*SATs National Testing**

KS2 SATs will take place **14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. Please ensure that your child is present for these national statutory tests.

### **\*Class assembly**

We hope that you will be able to attend our class assembly on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2.45pm.**

### **\* House Captain Elections**

Children interested in running for House Captain should have their poster ready by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September and their speech ready to deliver to the whole school on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **\*PGL Residential Trip**

We would like to invite you to an information evening for parents/carers, details of which will be sent in a separate letter.

If you wish to see me about any matters that concern you, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or come in to see me in school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Williams and Mrs Routh