

Oak's Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

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.

Our Teaching Assistants are Miss Hockin and Miss Baker. Miss Baker is new to the school and she is very pleased to be working with Oak Class. Mrs Kitt will be teaching the class on Wednesdays.

*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. Children will study the following this term and any extra research/homework is encouraged:

	Autumn (World War Two)
English	Biographies, reports, creating settings/descriptive writing recounts/diaries, poetry (vocabulary building & imagery), Diary of Anne Frank, recounts based on WW2 DVD, Goodnight Mister Tom
Maths	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
Science	Animals including the human circulatory system Electricity & Light
Geography	World maps, capital cities, UK rivers, mountains & seas, topographical features, map skills / grid references
History	WWII, Hitler & The Holocaust
D&T	Christmas Fayre
Computing	Communication & E-Safety (Mrs Kitt)
PE	Football, Gymnastics, Dance
Art	Blitz Art
Music	Compose, rehearse and perform Christmas carols
RE	Judaism (WW2, Holocaust, Anne Frank)
PSHE	Discrimination, Budgeting
French	Our School, Telling the Time, French History & France at Christmas

*P.E.

These lessons will be on **Mondays** 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.

As you are aware, we introduced Accelerated Reader last year with great results. To help ensure the children are ready for secondary school (where they are expected to read 30 pages every night) they will be expected to read for about 20 minutes every evening which is approximately 20 pages. It is still encouraged that you continue to listen to your child read and question them on their understanding of their book. And please remember to sign and date their reading journal every time they read! After reading the book the children take a quiz at school and need to try to score at least 8 out of 10: certificates are given for 100% and prizes for achieving 10, 15, 20 and 25 100%s given out at the end of term!

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 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 your child's reading record as well.

* 11+ Tests

These tests will take place early this year on **Friday 14th September and Friday 21st September in school for Boston Grammar and Boston High School** and on **Saturday 15th September and Saturday 22nd 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 **13th-17th May 2019**. 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 19th October 2.45pm.**

*House Captain Elections

Children interested in running for House Captain should have their poster ready by Friday 7th September and their speech ready to deliver to the whole school on **Monday 10th 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