

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year in Oak Class. I hope that you have all had a lovely Summer break and are all rested and ready to learn! Some of you are returning for year 6 and some of you are new to the class. Whichever this is, I am really looking forward to working with you this year.

Oak class will be taught by me every day supported in the mornings by Mrs Cotton with Rising Stars delivering PE on Tuesday and Thursday and Mrs. Presland supporting art.

Uniform: Please refer to the information sent by Mrs. Tyler regarding school uniform. We are tightening up on this and from next week if a child is wearing non uniform items, they will be given alternatives to wear.

Children will need to come to school in their school PE kits on PE days. This will be on a Tuesday and a Thursday. PE kit is not to be worn on any other day. **They will need to have a pair of plimsoles or indoor trainers** to be kept in their lockers at all times. This is in case their outdoor shoes get muddy and they need to change. Please send appropriate PE kit for the weather as we will be outside unless it is pouring with rain.

School PE kit is navy blue joggers /shorts and a white T shirt or polo top. Children may wear plain, unbranded navy sweatshirts or hoodies

Your child can also bring in wellies if they want to access the field all year round.

Your child will need a named water bottle in school every day -water please not juice.

Please do not send anything into school containing nuts. This includes packed lunch items as well as sweets or home -made items bought in for projects, bake sales etc. We have always been a nut free school but this is more important than ever as we have a child with a nut allergy in school.

Homework in Oak class will comprise a piece of English and a piece of maths each week. This is to be completed online using Atom Learning. Children already have their logins for this. I will set Homework on a Monday afternoon and it will be due the following Monday morning. Any child who does not complete it will do it during breaktimes the following Monday. Please allow your child to complete it independently as much as possible as the work adapts to the previous answer for example if they get a question incorrect, the next will be slightly easier. I have set the maximum time for homework tasks at 30 minutes as I feel that this is a reasonable time to expect them to work for. I will set homework from next week.

We expect all children to read each night for at least 20 minutes and to fill in what they read in their reading record book. We also encourage comments from parents when you read with your child. If you haven't already done so, could you please take a picture of your child reading for the front cover and either print it out or email it to me to print at school.

I have sent home a set of spellings for this half term this week. Please encourage your child to practice these - they will be tested on a Friday. We expect all children to get at least 50%. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

The expectation is that all children will now know their times tables up to 12 x 12 but we will continue to practice and test these on a Thursday to keep skills sharp. Please encourage your child to practise any tables that they are unsure of. Every child has a TT rock stars account. Once they are confident with all their tables they will do timed tasks involving associated division facts as well to keep these skills sharp.

The grid at the bottom of this letter details the broad teaching areas to be covered this term .

Some dates for your diary:

Monday 7th September: Oak class welcome meeting at 08.45

Monday 21st September: Oak Class NSPCC workshop

Wednesday 7th October: Author workshop followed by Family Reading Evening at 6 p.m

Wednesday 14th October: Whole school three faiths trip all day

Tuesday 20th October: Flu vaccines

Wednesday 21st October: Whole school harvest celebration at 2.45

Monday 9th / Tuesday 10th November: Parents evenings

Wednesday 11th November: Oak Class Worship at 14.50

Monday 23rd November Roopdan School assembly followed by Oak Class "Tea" tasting workshop

Wednesday 16th December Christingle service in the churchyard

Thursday 17th December: Carol service in St Peter's Church at 2 p.m

And I know it's a long way off but, Wymondley Wood residential: May 26th- 28th 2027

I am really looking forward to teaching your child and working with you this year.

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English Class reads:	Our Literary heritage: Shakespeare's Macbeth Poetry /Explanation texts King of shadows – Susan Cooper Cosmic Frank Cottrell Boyce
Mathematics	1. Number and place value reasoning, decimals, powers of 10, addition, subtraction, multiplying by powers of 10 2. Multiplication and division, multiplying and dividing decimals, fractions, standard methods for calculating, shape addition and subtraction
Science	1. Forces 2. Earth and space
Geography and History	1. Ancient Egypt 2. Investigating our world - mapwork
Computing	1. Quizzing 2. Creating games 3. E safety
RE	1. Christianity: Heroes of faith / Following God
PE	1. Team games / gymnastics
PSHE (Twinkl)	1. Being part of a team 2. Digital wellbeing
Music (Sing up)	1. Singing units: influences on songwriters / Dona Nobis Pachem – singing in Latin
Art and Design(Cornerstones)	1. Tints, Tones and Shades. 2. Colour in landscapes
Design Technology (Cornerstones)	1. Architecture and bridge building
French (Twinkl)	1. Getting to know you 2. School life