



Oak Class

Autumn Term 2



A massive well done and thank you to every child in Oak Class, who settled back into school life wonderfully. After a few weeks of getting back into the swing of things, we are all focussed and keen to learn. As always, their wellbeing is hugely important to us and we are doing our utmost to ensure school is as 'normal' as possible at the moment when everything else around them is so uncertain. This newsletter should give you a little more information about the busy half term leading up to Christmas.

Days to Remember

PE is on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** – children should come to school in PE kit (White top and dark coloured bottoms), with a spare pair of shoes on a Monday.

On **Fridays** we will visit our 'Future Forest' for an outdoor learning focus. Please ensure children are dressed in warm, long-sleeved clothing and bring a coat and wellies.

English

This half term we will be using our class book, 'Holes' to write a Police Report, a persuasive leaflet and an informal letter.

As we approach Christmas we will be doing some lovely writing based on Christmas texts.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on Multiplication and Division, and beginning to look at Fractions.

Amazing Americas

This half term we are continuing our topic on America, with a focus on comparing between America and the UK. We will also be focussing on South America, looking at the culture, geography and history of the Continent.

Animals Including Humans

We will also be continuing our Science work on Animals including Humans, with a focus on Healthy Living, looking into how we can keep our bodies healthy, and the impact unhealthy lifestyle choices have on our bodies.

Reading at home

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home as much as possible, ideally 20 minutes per day. Children should be posting a reading diary on Seesaw every Monday, highlighting which book they are reading, how many pages, and a short summary of what has happened so far. Children are still able to take books home when they need to but remember to return the completed books on Fridays, so they can be quarantined for 72 hours.

Spellings/ TT Rockstars

Spellings continue to be set every Friday both on Purple Mash and Google Classroom. A quiz is set weekly on Purple Mash for children to practise their spellings in anticipation of our test on Fridays. TT Rockstars is now up and running and we are encouraging children to practise their times tables every night in preparation for our test on Fridays.

Homework

Children have been sent home with a homework book this week, which contains 12 Topic and Science based activities to complete. Children are expected to choose and complete 3 of these by the end of the half term, where books will be collected in and work shared with the class. If your child wished to do more, they are encouraged to. Work can be completed in their books or shared on SeeSaw.

Thank you

A big thank you to all the parents for your support and patience as we settled into our new 'normal' at school. Also thank you for joining us on our 'Zoom Parent's Evening'. Although a little different over zoom, it was lovely to meet and chat to you about your children. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us through Seesaw or the school office to arrange a telephone chat.