



Oak Class

Summer Term 1



Welcome back Oak Class! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and a relaxing break, ready to come back to school. The Summer Term has crept upon us, and I am very excited to get back into the swing of things, with lots of practical learning and fun topics. As expected, the children have returned back to school with renewed confidence, energy and a passion to get back into the throws of learning! This newsletter should give you a little more information about the busy half term ahead of us!

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 are writing our own persuasive battle speech from the viewpoint of either the Celts or the Romans.

We will also be writing a news report about the Roman Invasion in Britain.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on Shape, space and measure.

Rotten Romans!

We are all very excited to start our new topic of Romans, as they hold such a pivotal place in our York history. We will be learning all about how the Romans built their empire, what made them so successful, and what impact they made in Britain.

Properties of Materials

We will be starting a new science topic this half term – using scientific knowledge to categorise materials into groups, learning more about dissolving, mixing and changes of state. We aim to make this topic as practical as possible, with many investigations!

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 weekly, highlighting which book they are reading, how many pages, and a short summary of what has happened so far.

Spellings/ TT Rockstars

Spellings will 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

As we are still plugging gaps from home learning, as well as focussing on providing the children with full curriculum coverage, our days in school are very busy and filled, therefore Oak Class will not be receiving homework topic tasks this half term. We will resume homework after half term.

In the meantime children can focus on TT Rockstars, spellings and their reading.

Thank you

A big thank you to all the parents for your continued support and patience as we again settle into our new 'normal' at school. We understand this has been a different year in many ways, however please be reassured that we are doing everything we can to ensure this half term is filled with fun, whilst still offering a balanced curriculum. 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.