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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to The Autumn Term! I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful break. I look forward to building on the routines and learning in Oak Class from last term. Oak Class are an excellent group of children to work with and I have much learning and fun to share with them over this academic year.

Oak Class Adults

Working alongside me in Oak Class we have a skilled Teaching Assistant, specialist Teachers for Music and PE, and also our resident French specialist!

Class Teacher: Mr Stewart

Teaching Assistant: Mrs James

PE Teacher: Mr Maloney

French Specialist: Mrs Elworthy

Music Teacher: Mrs Price

Timetable and Curriculum Webs

An example timetable for a week in Oak Class is attached to this letter. Please note that this is only a guide and remains flexible so that we can provide the best learning opportunities. You will also find the curriculum web attached for this half term, which gives you an idea of what Oak Class will be learning across the curriculum this half term.

Reading

Your child should read at home 5 times a week. I will check reading diaries on a daily basis and award 5 house points for every time your child has read at home. Your child should bring their reading diary home with them every day and also bring the reading diaries back into school with them the following day. Where possible, please could you listen to your child read/ read with them, as this is a powerful method for helping them progress with both reading and writing. It is also useful to quiz your child about their understanding of what they have read. The "reading dog" bookmarks that your children will bring home with their reading books are an excellent resource for giving ideas, and ensuring coverage of, different types of reading questions.

Homework

Following a similar format to last year, the children will continue to bring home 2 homework books:

1. Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Book.
2. Maths Book

The format for completing homework books with the children is the same for both books and is detailed below:

1. The children will have recorded the page numbers that they need to complete for homework in the chart at the front of their book (this will be 1 or 2 pages of the book).
2. Once the children have completed their books, it would be beneficial if you could mark the learning with your child (using the answer section at the back of the book). You could then try to work with them on any areas that they have found difficult, or leave feedback in the book for me, and I will support the children in the area identified. In the moment feedback (and coaching) is one of the best methods for helping children progress with their learning.
3. Homework books should be returned to school on a Thursday.
4. Homework will be set on a Friday.

Spelling and Multiplication

See separate letter (you will receive this within the first few weeks back at school). The letter will give details of tests and the words/ times tables that your child will be learning over this half term.

Medication

The school can only administer prescribed medication which needs to be left in the office with a signed permission form. Any other medication, including over-the-counter medications, will need to be administered by parents/guardians.

Thank You!

Finally, thank you for all of the support over the last academic year. Our Summer Play was brilliant and it was great fun to work on with the children. This is largely down to the fantastic attitude of the children and parents with learning lines, providing costumes and props, and working as a team. One of the many strengths of Oak Class is the sense of community and support with our learning from school plays to school trips and forest school days, thank you!

If anyone is interested in helping this academic year, we will be looking for an adult volunteer to join us for Forest School on occasions- watch this this space for further details.

Thank you for supporting Oak Class with their learning.

Mr Stewart and The Oak Class Team