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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to The Autumn Term (2)! I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful break. We have a very busy half term, with exciting extra-curricular activities such as our Christmas Play to look forward to.

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

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.

SCIENCE

In Science this term, we are studying light. If your child has a torch that they could bring in, and keep in their tray for the term, it would be very useful for our investigations. All torches should be named and smaller torches are most useful for our investigations- thank you. Please do not go out and buy one specifically for this though.

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 2 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.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

The children have now been given their parts for our Christmas Play. Children should spend a good amount of time each week learning their lines at home so that they feel confident performing. More details on our Christmas Play will be provided soon.

Thank you for supporting Oak Class with their learning.

Mr Stewart and The Oak Class Team