

Oak Class 2020-21

Start of the Year Newsletter

Class Teacher: Mrs Locke

Class TA: Mrs Hale

PPA Cover: Wednesday Morning - Mrs Hobbs

Our Current Routine

- On arrival pupils line up at our back door and sanitise hands;
- They can hang up their coat (in school every day please!) and book bag on their designated peg;
- Lunch boxes/ drink bottles go on our trolley;
- Snacks go in the snack box;
- Pupils wash their hands every time we re-enter the classroom and before eating;
- At the end of the day, pupils will be dismissed from the top gate by a member of staff during our allocated time slot.

Please help us by ensuring that your child's possessions are clearly labelled.

This includes:

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| • <i>Book Bag (on the outside please!)</i> | • <i>Coat</i> |
| • <i>Drink Bottle</i> | • <i>Uniform</i> |
| • <i>Lunch bag/box</i> | • <i>PE Kit</i> |
| • <i>Snack (as these can get muddled)</i> | |

Topics

- As introduced last year, we now teach topics in blocks in the afternoon;
- Our focus topics for term one are *Together Everyone Achieves More* (PSHE), *Sound* (Science) and *The Ancient Romans* (History);
- For each focus topic pupils will be given a copy of a Knowledge Organiser with key vocabulary and facts included which they will cover in the unit of learning;
- Knowledge Organisers will be in blue folders which should be kept in pupils' book bags. They may wish to study these at home with parents too.

PE Information

- Pupils need to come in school in PE kit on PE days;
- PE kit consists of a house colour school polo shirt, black bottoms, trainers and a black jacket/hoodie;
- PE will be **Thursdays** with coaches from Wiltshire Cricket and also on **Tuesdays** in Oak Class;
- Earrings must either be removed, or they must be taped over for safety on PE days.

Oak Homework

Reading

- 📖 Children should read to an adult at home as part of their homework. Please sign reading records when doing so. We check reading records for at least three adult signatures on **Fridays**.
- 📖 Reading books from our scheme and reading records should go home and be in school each day.

Maths (Online via Mathletics)

- 🎮 Mathletics is the website (also available as an app) that we use for maths homework.
- 🎮 Log in details are stuck in the front of children's reading records.
- 🎮 Up to two homework tasks are set on **Fridays** and due in by the following **Friday**.
- 🎮 There is also lots of extra maths practise for children on Mathletics, including fun games such as 'Multiverse' and 'Live Mathletics'.

Spellings (Online via Readiwriter)

- ABC 📖 We have a weekly spelling focus set on a Friday. Spellings will be tested on **Fridays**.
- ABC 📖 Spellings should be practised at home. There are set tasks to completed on *Readiwriter*, a new spelling platform/app (similar to Mathletics) which includes lots of fun spelling games.
- ABC 📖 More information about Readiwriter will be sent separately, and children will be shown how to use it in school.
- ABC 📖 Log in details for Readiwriter are *the same as Mathletics*, and pupils can switch between the two platforms easily when logged in.

Times Tables

- ✂ We test children's knowledge with our Space Mission Maths scheme regularly. It is part of children's homework to be practising times tables.
- ✂ Rapid recall of times tables facts is imperative to help children achieve their full potential in mathematics.
- ✂ The '*Multiverse*' on Mathletics is a great way of practising online.

*If pupils are struggling to access online homework for any reason, please let us know.
We can arrange alternative provision if necessary.*