

SPRING TERM IN OAK CLASS

2020-21



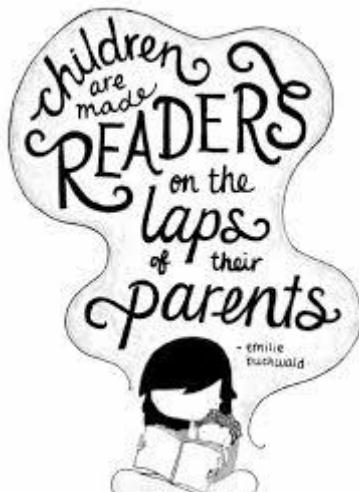
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a good Christmas and were able to catch up with friends and family, whether in person, phone or remotely!

Obviously things have changed dramatically since the end of the Autumn term! We have had to move back to learning remotely for most children, while others are still attending school in our Oak Class bubble. I have to say a huge well done to everyone for adapting so quickly this week, whether in school or at home. Thank you!

Despite all the changes we are all looking forward to the Spring term, especially as the weather brightens up and we can hopefully head outside to look at developing our map skills and exploring microhabitats! Our learning for the Spring Term will focus around 'Homes' with a particular focus on Geography and Science. Children will find out about their local area and learn to identify different types of maps. They will also carry out investigations in Science and make conclusions on different materials and habitats based on their investigations.

- **Reading** – It goes without saying that reading is so important for all children and I would encourage you to listen to your child read at home as often as you can. We will continue to hear the children read at every available opportunity at school, but with many being at home at the moment, it goes without saying that continuing their reading at home is so important.



If your child is attending school as part of the Oak Class bubble we will continue to change reading books on a **MONDAY** – we will provide enough material to see your child through a week. We are sorry, but we will not be able to change books on any other day.

For those children that are at home learning remotely we are looking into ways of providing reading books for them as well. I will let you know more about this when we have come up with a workable solution. Obviously in the meantime, please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home and share stories with them.

For those children attending school

- **Colder weather** - As the weather gets colder please do provide your child with suitable **NAMED** clothing. It can be very cold at playtimes and lunchtimes and the expectation is for them to be outside as much as possible and we would suggest a hat and some gloves for when the weather is colder.
- **Book bags – Monday only** - All that your child needs to bring to school is a book bag with nothing more in it than their reading books. Please, DO NOT put water bottles into book bags, in our experience they leak and can ruin expensive books.
- **PE –Children DO NOT need to bring PE kits to school.** Please ensure that they come to school in their kits on their PE day which will be on **Wednesday only this term**.
- **Outdoor Learning** We will continue to do Outdoor Education this term. They will learn about trees, plants, animals, and seasons and develop a sense of teamwork and togetherness. All children will need their wellies and waterproofs at school. These can be left with us and we will send them home when they need a wash.
- **VALUE FOR LIFE** – As a Church of England school we follow the values for life, and this term it is **Respect**. So please do take every opportunity to chat to your child about this as we will be reflecting on this as part of Collective Worship and as part of daily school life.

As always, if you have any questions or queries then please feel free to contact me via email at: oak@morley.norfolk.sch.uk

Many thanks

Darren Watson

'LEARN TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER'

With the love of God, we will create a learning environment where high expectations and the teaching of Christian values ensure that everyone is cared for, valued, encouraged and able to achieve their full potential.