

AUTUMN TERM IN OAK CLASS 2021-22



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to hearing your news. We are all looking forward to a busy and fun packed term ahead.

Oak class is a mixed Year 1 and Year 2 class and the children are taught by Mr Watson. We also have Mrs Wellstead as a Teaching Assistant and Mrs Whitaker and Miss Elgood who support children in our class every day.

Our learning for the Autumn Term is 'Far, Far Away' and we will be looking at Space including Neil Armstrong and the moon landings. Details of our class timetable and knowledge organisers can be found on the school website.

Please do check the weekly school newsletter and also have a look at our twitter account, the details are below. We will get as much news and photos of Oak class work on there as we can!

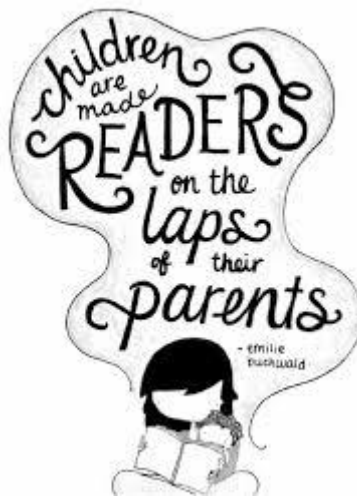
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Just a few things to note in the first few weeks of the Autumn term:

- **'Meet the Teacher' meeting - Friday 10th September at 8:50 - 9.20 am.** On Friday 10th September I will be holding a meeting for parents and carers to explain about the coming year and expectations for your child. I will also be more than happy to answer any questions or queries you may have.

- **Year 2 Phonics screening** - The Year 2's are required to take the phonics screening check they should have had at the end of year 1. The exact week is yet to be decided. Listening to your child read each day and practising their spellings using the spelling rules is the best support they can receive at home.

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. If you could also record when they have read and add a few comments in their reading record book as well, that would be appreciated. We will continue to hear the children read at every available opportunity in school, but this should not be their only source of reading. Reading books will be changed regularly during the week according to your child's needs.



- **Book bags** - Reading books need to be kept in book bags and we will send home any information and letters in these. Please, DO NOT put water bottles into book bags, in our experience they leak and can ruin expensive books.
- **Homework** - Homework consists of reading, weekly spellings and a fortnightly written task. We will be sending homework home on Monday and it will need to be returned by the following Monday. Spellings are also tested on a Monday. Our priority is always for the children and we know that those parents who become partners in learning truly improve the outcomes for their children. When parents are involved children achieve more, they are happier, they develop greater self-esteem and demonstrate good behaviour so please do get involved in reading and spellings as it is a wonderful time and whizzes by in a flash!

- **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 gets colder.
- **Contacting school** - If you need to contact us please use the class email address below which will be checked daily. If there is an urgent matter then please ring the school office and a message will be relayed to us.
oak@morley.norfolk.sch.uk
- **PE** - We will continue to ask the children to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. We will be doing PE on Tuesday and Thursday.
- **Outdoor Learning** As part of our rich and nurturing curriculum, we will be taking part in outdoor learning on a weekly basis. Whilst we will aim to do this on a Wednesday this may change sometimes as we need to work around other classes and the weather! 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 **Friendship**. 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 do contact us using the Oak class email address.

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.