

SPRING TERM IN OAK CLASS 2021-22



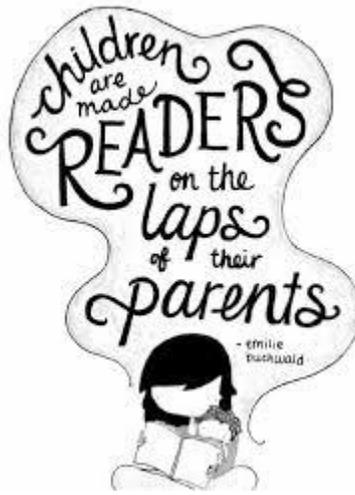
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! We hope you have had a good Christmas. We are all looking forward to the spring term, especially as the weather brightens up and we can head outside more for outdoor education.

Our learning for the Spring Term will focus around 'The Great Fire of London' and the lead subjects are history and science. Children will learn about The Great Fire of London and study Samuel Pepys' diary before writing their own diary entries. They will learn about materials and their properties, carry out investigations and make conclusions based on the results.

Reading Café: On Friday 28th January Oak Class will be having our Reading Café. This will be based around a story and an activity and will be an opportunity for you to come in and work with your child and see what we are doing at school this term. It will be in the Hall and start at 9.00 am and finish at 10.00 am. We will also be providing tea, coffee and biscuits! It would be lovely to see you there. 0

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 is now 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 as well for when they need them.
- **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 Monday 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 **Forgiveness**. 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.

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!

[Twitter account - Tacolneston and Morley Primary Schools @morandtac](#)

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.