

# SPRING TERM IN OAK CLASS 2022-23



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 and hopefully some brighter weather so we can head outside more!

Our topic for the spring term will be 'Frozen Earth' and the lead subjects are Science, Geography & History. Children will learn about the polar regions and how Robert Scott attempted to be the first person to reach the South Pole. They will then write their own diary entries, based on his journey to the South Pole. They will also learn about animals and living things and their habitats, carry out investigations and make conclusions based on the results.

**Oak Class Assembly** - Please note that our **Oak Class Assembly** has now been moved from Thursday 2nd February to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.00 am. The assembly will be an opportunity for the children to share some of their learning with you. It would be lovely to see you there.

**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.

**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.

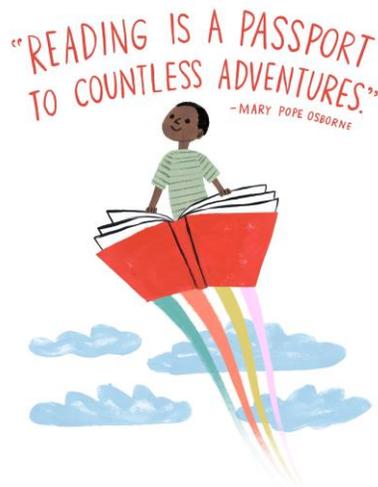
**Reading Books** - It goes without saying that reading is so important for all children and I would encourage you to listen to your child read at home as often as you can. If you could also record when they have read and add a few comments in their reading record book as well, that would be appreciated.

**If your child is in Year 1 they will bring home the following books:**

A Read Write Inc. book and an additional book which is linked to the sounds that they are learning in their Read, Write Inc. group at school. They will also have a library book which will be their own choice to read and share with you at home.

**If your child is in Year 2 they will bring home the following books:**

A Read Write Inc. book and an Accelerated Reader book. Please encourage your child to read their Accelerated Reader book thoroughly (this may be by re-reading it, if it is a shorter book) as they will then do a quiz on the book at school to assess their comprehension skills for that particular book. They will also have a library book which will be their own choice to read and share with you at home.



**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!

**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 **Justice and Equality**. 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.

**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](mailto:oak@morley.norfolk.sch.uk)

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.**