

## SPRING TERM IN OAK CLASS 2023-24



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 'Protect Our Planet' and the lead subjects are Geography and Science. Children will learn about environmental issues and caring for our planet. In Science they will learn about plants and carry out investigations and make conclusions based on the results.

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 (now called X) account - Tacolneston and Morley Primary Schools @morandtac

- **Contacting school** - If you need to contact us please use the office 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.  
[morley@tacmor.stbenets.org](mailto:morley@tacmor.stbenets.org)

Just a few things to note for the Spring term:

- **Oak Class trip to Norwich Synagogue - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Oak Class Reading Cafe - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9:00 - 10:00 am.** This will give you an opportunity to join in with your child's learning at school and also a chance to work collaboratively with them. It would be lovely to see you there!
- **Year 1 Phonics screening** - The Year 1 children are required to take the phonics screening check in the summer term. 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, as they can leak and 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. When parents are involved in their children's learning, they develop greater self-esteem and confidence.
- **Colder weather** - During the current cold weather please provide your child with suitable named clothing, including a hat and some gloves. It can be very cold at playtimes and lunchtimes and the expectation is for them to be outside as much as possible.
- **PE** - We will continue to ask the children to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. We will be doing PE this term 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. 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 **Perseverance**. 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.

Many Thanks

Darren Watson

**'LEARN TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER'**

**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.**

**Amen**