



Welcome to Oak Class!

Useful information for Oak Class pupils, parents and carers

Staffing

Your class teachers are Mrs Bulmer and Mrs Thomond.

Mrs Bulmer will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings.

Mrs Thomond will teach on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays.

At times, the children may also work with Mrs Brewer and Mrs Martin.

In Class

The children should bring in a water bottle daily to have in class (no juice please). Bottles should be named as they will be stored centrally.

For morning breaktime, we encourage the children to bring a healthy snack of any of the following: fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, plain popcorn, plain breadsticks, plain crackers, or plain rice cakes. **No nuts, sesame seeds or peas please as there are children in school with severe allergies.**

There is limited space in the cloakroom so large bags are discouraged – a book bag is perfect! These bags are available at a cost of £6.50 and a sample is in the office for you to view before purchasing.

Children are NOT to bring their own pencil cases from home. They will be provided with stationary in school including the following: a blue biro pen, a pencil, a rubber, a sharpener, a ruler and a pencil case. **However**, we would encourage parents to purchase a **BLUE** Pilot Frixion Erasable pen and refills for their child to use in class. They are available in most supermarkets and stationary shops. These pens help greatly with presentation but are, unfortunately, out of our price range to buy as school supplies.



Sensory Toys

Every class has a basket of sensory aids that are accessible to all children. Therefore, children are **NOT** to bring fidget/sensory toys from home.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate the children's birthdays with them in school; however, we politely request that you do not send in sweets or cakes for birthdays. Unfortunately, sweets or cake that are sent in will have to be returned. Instead, we suggest donating a book or game for the class. Birthday certificates will be stuck into the front of donated books.

Punctuality

Your child needs to be entering school at **8:45am** to organise themselves ready for lessons.

Mental Maths

It is essential that the children continue to practise and become proficient in mental skills. This includes telling the time in both analogue and digital, knowing number bonds e.g. $8 + 5 = 13$ and times tables facts. By Year 5, children should know all their times table and corresponding division facts e.g. $7 \times 8 = 56$ so $56 \div 7 = 8$ and $56 \div 8 = 7$. They should be able to recall these fluently (meaning that they can tell you the answer within 5 seconds without the need to calculate). Please continue to work with your child to help them become, and remain, fluent in these skills. The children have access to Times Table Rock Stars to help them practise these facts.

Reading

Reading within Oak Class will be taught through English lessons and class Guided Reading.

Children in Oak class have a book to read for pleasure. This is their own individual book which they may choose from the school library or from home. Children in Oak class have a reading record for personal use to keep track of book pages. We advise that children should read their reading for pleasure book for a minimum of 20 minutes every day.

Both reading for pleasure and guided reading books **must come into school every day.**

Handwriting

Our expectation is that all children will use a cursive handwriting style. Pen is used in all lessons except maths where work is completed in pencil.

Homework

Homework will be distributed every Tuesday, to be returned on the following Tuesday.

On Seesaw, Weekly Spellings will be posted on Friday and tested on the following Friday.

PE

In KS2 the children have 2 sessions of PE a week in which they wear their 'Blue Uniform'. This consists of a white t-shirt, blue joggers, blue sweatshirt (not a hoody) and trainers. These should be the school logo jumpers or plain with no writing, logos or pictures. If you would like more information about this sports uniform please speak to the office staff. We would recommend that earrings are not worn on 'blues' days. 'Blues' days for Oak Class will be Wednesday and Friday.

Uniform

We have high expectations for uniform, and we do not allow nail varnish or logos on clothes. Long hair must be tied back. Stud earrings and a watch are the only permitted items of jewellery; however, these must be removed for P.E.

Communication

Any messages regarding well-being or learning can be sent through Seesaw to Mrs Bulmer (Mon-Tues) and Mrs Thomond (Wed-Fri). All other messages, for example, absences, medical appointments etc. need to be sent to the school office.