



# Welcome to Oak Class!

Useful information for Oak Class pupils, parents and carers

## Staffing

Your class teacher is Mr Martin. Supporting the class will be Mrs Brewer, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Steward.

## In Class

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

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 can be purchased from the office and a sample is there 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, and a ruler. **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 the children we identify would benefit from their use. Therefore, children do not need 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, there is a wish list of books for the class which will be circulated to parents. Birthday certificates will be stuck into the front of donated books.

## Punctuality

It would be extremely beneficial for your child to be entering school at **8:45am** to organise themselves ready for the day's lessons and to complete their morning activity.

## **Mental Maths**

It is essential that the children continue to practise and become proficient in mental mathematic 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 will 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 Guided Reading.

Children in Oak class also 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 have a reading record which they can use independently to record what they have read. If they are listened to in school as a 1:1 reader, this will be recorded in their Reading Record. We advise that children should read their reading for pleasure book for a minimum of 20 minutes every day.

We ask that both the reading for pleasure books and the Reading Records come into school every day.

## **Homework**

Reading comprehension homework will be uploaded each Tuesday on Seesaw, to be completed online by the following Tuesday. Homework will be marked and visible to parents on Seesaw for you to monitor.

Spellings are also on Seesaw, weekly lists to learn are uploaded for each term. Test day is Friday and the children will upload their marked work onto Seesaw. The children will be tested on 5 random times tables each week too.

At least 20 minutes daily of reading for pleasure and times table practice is also encouraged.

## **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 white, black or blue trainers (as plain as possible). The sweatshirt should be either the jumper with the school logo or a plain jumper 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' day for Oak Class will be Monday and Friday.

## **Uniform**

We have high expectations for uniform, and we do not allow nail varnish, acrylic or gel nails 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 Mr Martin. All other messages, for example, absences, medical appointments etc. should be sent to the school office.

In September, we look forward to inviting you to our 'Meet the Teacher' evening where we can tell you more about the year ahead and answer any questions that you might have.

## **A Final Word...**

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children into Oak Class on Wednesday 3rd September and working in partnership with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Have a lovely summer!