



## Oak Class Newsletter

September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope your child will enjoy being in Oak Class and I am sure we will have a successful time together. The following information should allow you to follow your child's progress throughout this term and enable you to support your child. Weekly class newsletters will be sent out on a Friday, which will inform you of the work/learning completed that week. Please take time to read these weekly updates.

Mrs Blacker will teach Oak Class every Wednesday morning and Mrs Partis and Mrs Bishop, our teaching assistants will teach Oak Class every Wednesday afternoon.

This term our topic is 'Ourselves', a History focus. In Term 2 our focus will change to 'Celebrations' which should get us ready for a festive Christmas! Please refer to our yearly curriculum overview for further details on the topics covered in Oak Class. This is available on our website.

As always, we encourage regular reading with an adult at home. Please use the reading record book to add your comments about your child's reading alongside ours. We give out a success stamp every Monday if a child has read his/her school reading books 3 times at home during the preceding week (signed by an adult). The Reception children will also be given keywords in their reading bags this Friday. Your child will be tested on these every two weeks. Please practise these regularly. There will be a more detailed explanation in your child's reading record book.

We recommend that the children leave their PE bags at school during term time. PE sessions will be Tuesdays and Fridays. As the weather gets cooler it is advisable to include tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a PE sweatshirt.

Children can bring in a small healthy snack to eat at playtime eg fruit bar, flapjack, biscuit etc. There is a 'no nut' policy so please ensure that the snack does not contain nuts.

We plan to have regular cookery sessions in school. Please complete the separate slip and return with your donation.

May I also take this opportunity to encourage any parents who are interested in helping out in Oak Class to let me know. Your help would be most welcome.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate in contacting me.

I look forward to working in partnership with you in the education of your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Prathayini Wright