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Oak Class Newsletter – Spring 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a much deserved Christmas break. I hope you all had a restful holiday; the children certainly seem refreshed. It has already been a busy start to the year for both year groups. Oak Class have come back ready to move their learning forwards (towards the rapidly approaching week of SATs), and I am sure that the next term will be full of new learning opportunities, with a little fun thrown in!

Curriculum

Already this term, we have started our topic for this term, **Let's Move it!** Over the coming weeks, we will explore the five basic mechanisms through theory and practical activities, in addition to the history of cams and gears. We will learn about the importance of steam travel during the industrial revolution, and consider its impact on the today's society. Furthermore, towards the end of term, the children will make their own moving toys using at least one of the mechanisms studied.



Term 4 will start with our Science topic, **Bright Sparks**, where we will focus on electricity and forces. Primarily, we will investigate circuits, experimenting with sound and light, before shifting focus to magnetism and friction. Heading towards Easter, we will be learning more about **Pilgrimage** in Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

For more information, you can view our Topic Wheels, which will be displayed on the school website.

Homework and Spellings

Homework for Year 5 will be posted on the school website, as in previous terms, with the expectation that it is returned to school, completed, on a **Wednesday**. Homework for Year 6 will be given to the children, each week, again with the expectation that it is returned on a **Wednesday**. Year 6 homework will alternate between maths, reading comprehension and SPaG work. The term's spelling lists for both year groups are on the school website.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the Year 6 homework, please contact us.

PE

This term, the children will have a PE session on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. However, following the February half term, children will have PE sessions on Mondays and Thursdays. It is helpful if the children have their kit in school every day. All children should have indoor and outdoor kit, such as shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls for indoor, and tracksuit

bottoms, a long sleeved top and trainers for outdoor. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is clearly named.

Outdoor Learning

Although Outdoor Learning sessions are not included on this term's timetable, learning outside of the classroom will happen, where appropriate. It is therefore vital that children have an Outdoor Learning kit in school for such occasions. They will need: trousers/tracksuit bottoms, a warm jumper, waterproof coat and wellingtons (plus hats and gloves for cold weather). These clothes need to be in a separate bag from PE clothes as they are likely to get wet and muddy. Please send the appropriate clothing in a named bag.



Staffing

Miss Regan will continue to teach Oak Class four days a week, Monday-Thursday. On Friday, the class will be taught by Mrs Whybrow.

Parents Evening

There will be formal parent / teacher meetings on the 22nd and 23rd of March when we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far and targets for the year. An appointment sheet will be sent out nearer to the date.

Important Dates

Woodlands Residential Meeting – Monday 16th January at 5.15pm.

Year 6 Height and Weight – Year 6 will be having their height and weight check from the school nurse on **Tuesday 17th January**.

KS2 SATs Meeting – Wednesday 25th January at 6pm.

Collective Worship – Join us on **Wednesday 8th February** for a Collective Worship with a difference. Time (am) to be confirmed.

Junior Citizen – Year 6 will be visiting Oxford for their Junior Citizen session on **Monday 20th February**. More information to follow.

Contact

Should you need to contact us about any matter arising, you may email us directly on the following email address:

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Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school as we are often busy with classroom duties or teaching earlier in the day. In all cases, we will endeavour to reply to you within 3 working days. Obviously if the matter is more urgent, for example about attendance or changes to the routine of collecting your child, then you should contact the school office or speak to us at the start or end of the day.

Reminders

- School Dinner Money – Please send in School Dinner Money and the appropriate order form by a Wednesday for all meals required the following week. Enclose cash or cheques in a named envelope.
- Water Bottles – Please make sure children have a water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. Please note we only want water in these bottles (not squash, juice or flavoured water).

- Outdoor Shoes – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping outdoor shoes such as wellies and a warm waterproof coat in school.

Kind regards,
Miss Regan and Mrs Whybrow