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Oak Class Newsletter – Autumn 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you had a restful break; the children have certainly come back refreshed and ready to learn. After watching a lot of the Olympic and Paralympic events over the summer, we are excited to dive into our new topic of 'Ancient Greece', where the Olympics originated. We also have many other exciting events happening, including Forest School, swimming lessons and, of course, our residential to Woodlands!



Curriculum

This term our topic is '**Ancient Greece**'. For more information, please view our attached Topic Web, which will also be available on the school website.

Homework

Year 5 – The 'Enriching Learning' homework sheet will be posted on the school website, as in previous terms, with the expectation that one piece is to be returned to school, completed, every **Thursday**. Alternatively, the children can complete the Mathematics task, which will be set and checked every **Thursday**. Please look out for weekly spelling lists, which will be provided by your child's spelling teacher. These will be handed out on **Friday** and tested the following Friday. Reading records will be checked every **Friday**. The children are expected to read for at least 20 minutes, three times a week.



Year 6 – I will give the Year 6 children one piece of homework to complete each week. This is to be returned by the following **Thursday**. Please look out for weekly spelling lists, which will be provided by your child's spelling teacher. These will be handed out on **Friday** and tested the following Friday. Reading records will be checked every **Friday**. The children are expected to read for at least 20 minutes, three times a week.

P.E.

This term, the children will have P.E. lessons on Thursdays. P.E. kits should remain in school, apart from when needing to be taken home to be washed. All children should have indoor and outdoor kit, including shorts, house t-shirt and trainers for indoor, and tracksuit bottoms, a warm long-sleeved top and trainers for outdoor sessions. Please make sure that your child's P.E. kit is clearly named.



Swimming lessons will begin for Oak Class children after the October half-term. You will receive a separate letter regarding this.



Forest School

We are very pleased to share that our Forest School sessions will be continuing this year. These will happen every Tuesday afternoon up until October half-term (excluding the week that we are at Woodlands!). Please ensure that your child brings in their kit each Tuesday. Details have been sent in a separate letter.

Parents' Evenings

There will be formal parent / teacher meetings on the 9th and 10th of November, where we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far and targets for the year. A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time.



Important Dates

Monday 20th to Friday 24th September – **Woodlands Residential Visit**. Please keep an eye out for further emails regarding arrangements.

Thursday 30th September - **Race for Life and Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

Tuesday 5th October – **Harvest Festival (Pupils only)**

Friday 8th October – **IMPS** (The Injury Minimization Programme for Schools) will be visiting our Year 6 children in school.

Tuesday 12th October – **Whole school Flu nasal spray**

Thursday 21st October – **Last day of term for children**

Friday 22nd October – **INSET Day**. School closed to pupils

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October – **Half-Term Holiday**

Monday 1st November to Friday 5th November - **South Africa Week**

Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November – **Anti-bullying Week**

Friday 17th December - **Last day of term**

News on further events will be communicated with you via email.

Contact

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

scrockett@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk

Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school. In all cases, I will endeavour to reply to you within 3 working days. 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.



Reminders

- Water Bottles – Please make sure children have a clear, named 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, there should only be water in these bottles (not squash, juice, flavoured or fizzy water).
- Outdoor Footwear – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm waterproof coat in school.



Kind regards,

Miss Crockett