

### Oak's Topic

This week in class we have started our new topic of toys. We have all contributed to a 'talking and thinking' book where the children wrote down what they would like to learn about and what they are interested in exploring further.



### Homework

You will find in your book bag tonight's handwriting sheets linked to our phonic sessions, as well as a little activity for children and parents/guardians to fill in. Please return to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

## Newsletter 1

A big hello to all parents of children in Oak Class and thank you for attending our 'Meet the Teacher' session on Tuesday.

It was lovely to see you all, albeit on a screen. We hope you found the information provided useful and that all your questions were answered. If you went away and thought "I wish I had put in the chat...." then please don't hesitate to email the office and we will try to get back to you as quickly as possible.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our **full and very busy first week** at school: the children seem to be settling in beautifully and are already getting used to the various routines of the school day.

We hope that this **fortnightly** newsletter will provide a little insight into what the children have been doing in school and what they may be doing during the following weeks. Occasionally, homework may be set as above, with little tasks: these may help your child with a specific topic or area of the curriculum at home, or extend their learning.

Our topic on 'toys' will extend throughout the whole of the autumn term, so if you have any photographs of your children playing with their favourite toy (these include bikes, scooters, trampolines, tablets) etc. then send them into school and we will add them to our talking book for children to share.

Next week in literacy our focus will be on stories about teddy bears. Please can you also bring a small teddy or soft toy on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Perhaps don't bring a favourite bear, but one that can be left for the whole week in class, as it will be used in lots of activities.

### Reception

#### Handwriting

Each week our children will be concentrating on correctly forming a letter of the alphabet and its accompanying sound. In class we like to set up a sound area where the children can bring in items beginning with the letter in question and earn some very important 'well done' stars.

Next week's sound will be 'L' followed by 'Ii'. Please remember to bring in items beginning with the letter "L" on Monday which will be kept in school until Friday (don't send in anything too precious!)

#### Reading

We hope your child has enjoyed reading and sharing his or her first school 'reading' books at home with you.

The characters have been quickly picked up by all the children and, as with all families, there are lots of stories to tell and adventures to be heard.

All children love to make up stories and we are sure that they will enjoy sharing their pre-readers with you.

#### Year One

In class we have been learning about how to keep safe on the internet in computing (a two week e-safety programme.) We feel it is important to begin the conversation about staying safe online as early as possible in order to establish positive behaviour and routines early in a child's life. The age that you should begin speaking

to your child will differ between families but essentially as they start engaging with technology and the internet these conversations can and should begin. Try using the conversations below to help you with this.

Q - What is your favourite thing to do on the iPad/tablet/my phone etc?

Q - What is your favourite game/app and why do you like it?

Q - Where do we use the iPad/tablet/games console and when can we use it?

Q - What can you do if something online upsets you?

Q - Who can help you with your favourite games and apps?

Q - If a message appears on the screen, what should you do?

Q - Who can go online? Do we know everyone online?

You can also give your child strategies early on that they can use if something ever worries or upsets them online. We endorse always asking for help from an adult.

**Finally, please remember that we have dance on Wednesdays, and PE Thursdays, but sometimes extra sessions may occur.**

**Please remember to sew or write names clearly into all new clothing (P.E. kits and uniforms) and over the weekend it would be a good idea to remind your child where they can find their name in their clothes.**

Have a lovely weekend,  
from the Oak Team  
Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Melanaphy and Mrs. Snutch

## Busy Times

### Making Friends



### Celebrating Birthdays



### Being Creative



### Dancing



### Fun Maths

