

Welcome to Oak Class



We all hope that you have had a wonderful Summer and enjoyed the safe journey back to normality post Covid.

Oak teachers are very excited about the new school year and having your children in our classroom! To help both reception and year one settle in to new routines, we hope you can join us on September 7th for our Parent Information Afternoon. It will begin at 3:30pm and finish at 3.40pm. We will be guiding you towards pamphlets on the website to help with English and Mathematics, discussing our curriculum and expectations for both key stages, as well as answering any questions that you may have.

Unfortunately, we will not have time to discuss timetables, homework, reward and behaviour systems on the day, so please read carefully the information given below. Oak class will also try and keep you updated with any changes through a fortnightly newsletter too.

Reading

It is vital that early reading experiences are happy and positive. The aim should be not just for children to learn to read, but to enjoy reading. Please take a look at the following link for support: <https://cdn.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/misc/reading-with-your-child/reading-with-your-child-booklet-for-parents.pdf>



Your child will be given a book and a reading record at the beginning of the Autumn term. He/she will read at least twice a week with an adult in class. They will need to keep their reading record and reading book in their book wallets together and bring it into school every day. When you have heard your child read, please remember to record it into their yellow reading record.

Homework

- **Reading** All children should try to do some reading every night - this could be their reading book, library book, home storybooks, story CDs or comics. You may also like to play simple games such as 'I Spy' and learn a variety of action rhymes eg. head, shoulders, knees and toes...and nursery rhymes.
- **Spellings**
Year One. A list of words will be provided each Monday for the children to learn. These words should be learnt for a spelling test the following Monday. Please encourage your child to use the look, cover, write, check method in the two try columns provided in their green spelling books.
Reception. After half term your child will be sent home with a set of sound cards with a list of words to spell. This will then continue throughout the year with a list of CVC words and

tricky words in a spelling book. Spellings will be given on a Monday then practised on the following Monday.

- **Handwriting.** On a Friday in your book bag you will find worksheets linked to the phonemes/sounds taught in class. Please practise at home and keep at home for reinforcement and as a reference.
- The children will be set challenges throughout the year in our fortnightly newsletters. Each challenge will reflect an aspect of our topic to further our knowledge and understand the world around us. It will also give you an involvement and opportunity to discuss the work we are doing in school.



Rewards

Certificates. Every week two children are nominated from each class at Kilby School for a headteachers certificate. The class teacher will choose children for a variety of achievements, progress or acts of kindness or new skills required. These awards

are then given out in a whole school assembly.

- **Well Done Cards.** In Oak Class, each child has a Well Done Card. Throughout the term the children will try to get a sticker for good work or progress in all areas of the curriculum. Once all 15 squares are filled, then they will receive a prize.

General Reminders

PE. PE sessions will be held on a **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. On Wednesdays we will be in the hall working in bare feet (Gymnastics, Dance and Yoga.) We would like you to encourage your children to practise taking off and putting on their socks and shoes.

Belongings. Please can you make sure your child's name is written clearly on all items of their school uniform.

Water Bottles. Children should bring into school a fresh water bottle every day. This is kept in class so that they can access it at any time. We find that children get very thirsty especially after playtimes so don't worry if you only have a small water bottle. Oak class has a drinking water tap so we can fill and change the water when required.



*Let's grow from tiny seedlings to mighty Oaks together.
Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Melanaphy and Mrs Snutch*