



Oak Class

Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are ready and refreshed for the coming year. It has been wonderful meeting the members of Oak Class and I can already feel that it is going to be a successful and enjoyable year. Everyone at Spooner Row has made me feel very welcome and I am excited to be part of the team here.

Curriculum

Our main topic this term is 'Anglo-Saxons' and we will be reading a class book called 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman which will link with some reading activities but more importantly help to promote a reading for pleasure culture in the classroom. The curriculum overview attached outlines in more detail what we will be covering in each subject area but when possible there will be an Anglo-Saxon theme running through our art, DT, computing and sometimes literacy lessons.

PE lessons will be on Monday and Thursday afternoons this term, but we ask that children have their PE kits in school every day just in case we need to change the timetable. It is very important that children have the correct indoor and outdoor PE kit as well as a pair of trainers in school so that they can participate in these lessons fully. Also just a quick reminder that long hair should be tied back and jewellery should be removed for these lessons.

Reading

I have been impressed with the class' enthusiasm towards books and am keen to help maintain this eagerness to read. I ask that reading diaries be handed in on a Monday so I can check them ready for the new week. Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week and they will be given a list of reading activities/questions they can write a response to in their diaries to show their understanding. I am happy for children to write the responses themselves but ask that an adult signs it before it is handed in. We have a reading raffle in Oak class and anyone who goes above and beyond the minimum of three diary entries will be awarded tickets towards a half termly prize draw. There is also a space in the reading diary for

comments/messages – please feel free to use this as a home-school communication page for anything which is not urgent.

Homework

I will be issuing a variety of homework tasks throughout the year and will always aim to give children a sufficient amount of time for it to be completed to a high standard. House points will be awarded for good quality work as I would like to promote children to take pride in what they produce both in and out of school. Occasionally I may set work for some children to suit areas I believe they would benefit from some further practice in – this is to support their progress and hopefully boost their confidence with the material in class.

I will send spellings home with children every Friday which I expect them to learn in preparation for a spelling test every week (Friday). We use the No Nonsense Spelling Programme which involves regular spelling sessions in class exploring spelling patterns. Hopefully this more holistic approach to spellings will help equip children with methods of learning their spellings for the weekly spelling test. I am looking for children to bring their spelling sheets in every week to show me they have attempted to learn them and they will be rewarded for improving or maintaining their individual previous scores each week.

Kind regards

Miss Jackson and Mrs Baker