



Oak Class

Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are ready and refreshed for the coming year. We anticipate that it will take a while for everyone to find their feet with the new routines but appreciate your patience and support while we adjust.

Curriculum

Our main topic this term is 'Ancient Egypt' and we will be reading a class book called 'The Time Travelling Cat and The Egyptian Goddess' by Julia Jarman' which will link with some reading activities but more importantly help to promote a reading for pleasure culture in the classroom. We have just one copy of the book which I will have ready but if children would like to bring in their own copy to follow along, they are welcome to. The curriculum overview attached outlines in more detail what we will be covering in each subject area but when possible, there will be an Ancient Egypt theme running through our other lessons.

PE lessons will be on Wednesday and Friday and we ask that children come into school in their PE kits on these days and remain in them for the whole day. 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 will be rewarded for any extra reading they do. They need only to write the book title and page numbers they have read in their reading diary as I feel asking them to write any more sometimes detracts from the enjoyment of reading. I am happy for children to write in their diaries 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 contact me through this but bear in mind I will only be checking them once a week so email would probably be better. My email address is **MissJackson@spoonerrow.norfolk.sch.uk**

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. Due to the large amount of time children have missed from school, I plan to set homework mainly linked to the core subjects (Maths, Literacy, Science) to help them make the most progress. 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). Spelling is a focus this year and we will be spending time in class looking at the spelling patterns and words from the year 5/6 spelling list. There is a copy of the year 5/6 spelling words in the children's reading diaries. I ask 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 scores each week.

Adults in the classroom

I will be in the classroom everyday apart from Tuesdays when Mrs Gray will be in to teach science and French. Our classroom teaching assistants are Mrs Baker and Mrs Dunstan.

Kind regards,

Miss Jackson, Mrs Baker, Mrs Gray and Mrs Dunstan