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Oak Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018



Welcome back

We hope you and your child had a lovely, relaxing Summer and are now ready for all of the exciting things we have planned this term in Year 1!

Topics this half term

Geog / History - Food and Farming / Farming in the past.

Science – Seasons - Autumn / Plants

The transition between the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 can be daunting for both children and parents. I want to reassure you that the transition will be gradual, and for the first term (and beyond!) Oak Class is building upon the Foundation Stage, with plenty of learning through play opportunities. We are developing our continuous provision both inside and outside this year. We will be supporting and developing the pace of your child's learning needs, with the aim that by the end of the year, your child will be ready for the structure of Year 2.

The main topic for the half term is Farming and as a result we will be going on a class trip to 'Hollowtrees Farm' early in the term as an introduction. The trip is taking place on **Thursday 27th September 2018**, a separate letter will be sent out with all of the details.

This year, All Saints' have decided to take part in a new initiative to get all the children more active and boost energy levels throughout the school day. Our aim is that throughout the week, the children will achieve walking a mile combined throughout the week.

Oak class will be taking part in this on a Tuesday and Thursday after the register.

Class organisation and morning routines

Mrs Bolton will be teaching in Oak Class Monday – Thursday and Mrs Simpson will teach on a Friday and cover my PPA on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs Simpson will teach the grammar element of the national curriculum in her Literacy lesson, which I will then follow up during the next week. We welcome Mrs Guy as the new class TA and she will be with the class full time.

Please can you put any books that need changing or money/return forms into the green tray as you enter the classroom. Book bags and bottles go in the boxes provided and book bags will be checked daily.

The children have a peg provided at the back of the classroom for their PE kit and coats.

Phonics

We are going to revise the phase 3 sounds that the children learned with Mrs Marsden and will then be moving onto the 'phase 5a' sounds listed below:

ay, ou, ie, ea, oy, ir, ue, aw, wh, ph, ew, oe, au, ey, a_e, e_e, i_e, o_e, u_e

We will update your sound pack with these digraphs after half term.

We will be holding a phonics session on **Monday 24th September** to give you some more information on how phonics is taught at All Saints'. The presentation will take place in Oak class, starting at 3.30. A crèche will be provided in the hall for siblings. The presentation will be the same as last year but might be good if you would like a refresher. I will also talk a little more about the Phonics Screening Check that will take place in the Summer.

Keep an eye on our phonics board to see which ones we will be looking at each week. You can find more information and games to support phonics at www.phonicsplay.co.uk and www.letters-and-sounds.com

Reading- HELP!

Reading is such an important activity to do at home to support your child, it can make such a difference to their learning at this age.

Your child has a guided reading session every week where they are listened to by a teacher. We also try and listen to them individually on a fortnight rotation.

We would love some more volunteers to hear the children read; either first thing in the morning (even if it's just for 30mins) or whenever is suitable for you.

Please speak to one of us for more info.

Important Dates- more may be added!

Monday 24th September – Phonics meeting in Oak class 3.30 – 4.00.

Thursday 27th September – Class trip to 'Hollowtrees Farm'.

Friday 19th October – Harvest celebration in the church at 2.30.

Reminders

Your child needs a named water bottle in school every day. As the Autumn weather can be very unpredictable they will also need a coat and a sunhat!

P.E. is on a **Monday morning** with Tom Bigg and a **Wednesday afternoon**, so your child needs a named kit in school. Earrings will need to be removed and long hair tied back on these days. Thank you.

We are not doing show and tell this half term (we will after half term) so would ask that toys and jewellery are kept at home please.

Keeping in touch

Please take a look at our class page on the school website. We update it at the end of every week ☺

Home / school contact books for bus children are checked daily.

If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch, either in the morning when you drop your child off or after school.

Monday	PE - Tom	B	Literacy	Phonics	L	Topic	B	Maths	
Tuesday	Maths	R	Literacy	Phonics	U	Art / DT	R	Philosophy / PSHE	
Wednesday	Maths	E	Literacy	Phonics	N	PE	E	Maths	
Thursday	Maths	A	Literacy	Phonics	C	R.E.	A	Music	
Friday	Literacy (Grammar lesson)	K	Science	Phonics	H	I.C.T	K	Reading	